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REPORTER

The unpaved roads in Kagman III and IV, which account for approximately half of Kagman roads, are a source of frustration for residents of the largest community on Saipan.

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial signed into law yesterday a bill that now allows modern, passive modular nuclear power devices or safe nuclear batteries in the Commonwealth.

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**S**INAPALO, Rota—Quiet tears turned to keening sobs as the flag-draped casket carrying the body of the late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael Santos was brought out of a U.S. Marine Corps C-130 at the tarmac of the Rota International Airport around 1:30pm yesterday. **See SLAIN on Page 4**

## \$47,162 for Rota airport used to buy uniforms, camera, bush cutter

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SINAPALO, Rota—Over \$47,000 in

public funds intended for the improvement of the Rota International Airport was used instead to buy a bush cutter, a camera, uniforms and other materials not

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# Local



Democratic Party candidate Jesus Camacho Borja, shown here carrying his granddaughter, is flanked by families and supporters after filing his petition for candidacy at the Commonwealth Election Commission yesterday. Borja is the first of the four contenders who filed his certificate of candidacy for the Nov. 2 elections.

MONETH G. DEPOSA

## Borja files candidacy for delegate position

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The Democratic Party's bet for the U.S. delegate post, Jesus Camacho Borja, filed his certificate of candidacy yesterday—the first among four potential candidates do so for the Nov. 2 election.

Borja, along with family members and supporters, turned in all the petition requirements to the Commonwealth Election Commission yesterday morning. Three other contenders—Covenant Party's Joseph Camacho, Republican Party's Juan N. Babauta, and incumbent Gregorio Sablan—are expected to file their petitions before the Aug. 4 deadline.

Borja admits his campaign budget is "very meager" but he is optimistic of his chances in winning the Nov. 2 polls.

Since announcing his bid, Borja said he has been conducting house-to-house visits on Saipan, Rota, and Tinian to ask for voters' support.

Borja believes his experience as a former justice and lieutenant governor of the Commonwealth and his several years of professional service are among his advantages over the other candidates.

NMI Democratic Party chair Jesse Torres said yesterday that Borja's camp will never resort to any "dirty political tricks"

against other candidates.

"We expect our candidate to win...he is a solid candidate and we're very proud that he will represent the Democratic Party in the race. With his experience and education, we're convinced that Mr. Borja is the best choice. I think his strong advantage also is his great reputation in the community," said Torres.

He said the local party is now awaiting word from the National Democratic Party on its official affiliation with the group.

Since the reorganization of the party, Torres said a couple of thousand voters have signed up for membership. Old members also reaffirmed their support, he added.

Also in attendance yesterday were former Department of Public Lands secretary John S. DelRosario Jr. and former Northern Marianas College president Agnes McPhetres.

"I think he has the best credentials in terms of education, professional experience, and integrity. I think people are tired of 'politicizing' just like what you find across the countries and towns. This is the dawn of an era of new leadership and people are ready for it. I am confident that he can make it," said DelRosario.

McPhetres said: "I have every confidence in him...and I think he has all the qualifications and will make a good representative for the CNMI."

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# Deputy Secretary of Defense makes brief visit to NMI

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U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defense William Lynn III met with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial in a brief visit to the CNMI yesterday and assured that four firing ranges will be constructed on Tinian.

Lynn, along with his some 21-member entourage, arrived at 11:20am yesterday at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport where he was welcomed

by Fitial and officials of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

Lynn, who was on his first visit to the CNMI, was accompanied by Joint Guam Program Office executive director David F. Bice.

Fitial said they discussed details of the first wave of the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation Final Environmental Impact Statement, which was signed on July 23.

"This is the first wave which we call as the beginning of

the beginning. Contracts for the projects that were already cleared by EIS—including the four firing range for Tinian—will be awarded. However, there is a second wave which will be more important because, come Sept. 10, the round of decision will be signed in Washington," said Fitial.

The Sept. 10 decision will finalize the needed infrastructure and facilities to be built.

"[This] is more important

because it will detail what will be on Tinian and on Pagan. The EIS on Tinian clearly shows that they plan to put up four firing ranges. There are more than four firing ranges on Tinian but the others would be included in the second wave of EIS," said Fitial.

He said the second wave may

pose a problem because a firing range planned for the northern part of Tinian could come into conflict with a planned instrument landing system at the Tinian International Airport.

Fitial said the military and the Federal Aviation Administration will discuss this to clear the matter.

"What's sure in the first wave is the construction of four firing

ranges on Tinian," he said.

Fitial said he asked Lynn if there's a way they can expedite the construction of these firing ranges to help Tinian's employment.

Before heading to Saipan, Lynn also met with Guam Gov. Carlos Camacho and members of the Guam legislature. The visiting group left the island at noon yesterday.

## Schmidt retires as longest law clerk for district court

After 24 years, Randy K. R. Schmidt retired Friday as the longest serving law clerk for the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Schmidt and his wife left Saturday for North Dakota, where his father and sister are staying, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Schmidt served as the head of the Micronesian Legal Services Office in Palau before he came to Saipan in 1986 to work

as law clerk for Alfred Laureta, the first Territorial District Judge for the District Court of the NMI.



Schmidt

When Laureta retired in 1988, Schmidt left the District Court. After several months, the then new federal court judge Alex R. Munson rehired him.

When Munson retired last February, Schmidt temporarily became the law clerk.

Bill Bezzant, systems ad-

ministrator at the U.S. District Court, said Schmidt is a great law clerk who has a tremendous sense of humor.

"He always had great jokes," Bezzant said.

Bezzant said Schmidt befriended everybody in the court.

Another court staff said Schmidt would host Easter Sunday parties for the court staff's children at his house annually.

"He turned Easter Sunday into Christmas for children," the staff said. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

### Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Military Relocation

On behalf of the Department of Defense (DoD), the Department of the Navy (DoN), in cooperation with Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, United States (U.S.) Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, U.S. Office of Insular Affairs, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and U.S. Air Force, has prepared the FEIS for the Guam and the CNMI Military Relocation. The FEIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed actions, made up of complex, multi-service projects involving components of the U.S. Marine Corps, Navy, and Army. Included in the analysis are the following actions:

- Marine Corps' proposed facilities and infrastructure to accommodate their relocation to Guam, including associated training and operations on Guam and related actions such as utilities and roadway projects on Guam;
- Marine Corps' proposed development of live-fire training ranges to support training and operations that would occur on Tinian in the CNMI associated with their relocation to Guam;
- Navy's proposed deep-draft wharf with shoreside improvements creating a new capability in Apra Harbor, Guam, to support a transient nuclear-powered aircraft carrier; and
- Army's proposed facilities to accommodate an Air and Missile Defense Task Force on Guam.

The Notice of Availability of the FEIS was published in the *Federal Register* on July 28, 2010. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations, and Environment) will announce her Record of Decision with respect to the proposed Marine Corps relocation and aircraft carrier wharf in the *Federal Register* after the 30-day waiting period has ended. The Department of the Army may co-sign the Record of Decision with respect to the proposed Air and Missile Defense Task Force after the 30-day waiting period has ended.

The FEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested individuals and organizations. Copies of the FEIS are available for public review at the following libraries:

- University of Guam Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Library, Government Documents, Tan Siu Lin Building, UOG Station, Mangilao, GU 96923
- Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library, 254 Martyr Street, Hagåtña, GU 96910
- Joeten Kiyu Public Library, P.O. Box 501092, Saipan, MP 96950
- Northern Marianas College Olympio T. Borja Memorial Library, P.O. Box 501250, Saipan, MP 96950
- Tinian Public Library, P.O. Box 520704, Tinian, MP 96952

The FEIS is also available electronically on the project website <http://www.guambuildupeis.us>. For more information, contact the FEIS Project Manager Kyle Fujimoto, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860, Telephone: 808-472-1442.

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**Place:** Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan.

Above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the projects may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may also be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office no later than 4:30 pm, August 13, 2010. Written comments may be submitted via e-mail to [staff@zoning.gov.mp](mailto:staff@zoning.gov.mp), via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or delivered to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Douglas Wyatt, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Division 3 of Title 10 CMC).

/s/ Henry S. Hofschneider, Acting Board Chair

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## NEW LAW

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The bill, introduced by Rep. Stanley Torres, amends the Nuclear and Chemical Free Zone Act of 1983 in order to meet the public demand for more environmentally friendly and cheaper power for the Commonwealth.

At the signing ceremony yesterday noon, Fitial described the bill as much needed in the CNMI because it will alleviate people's problems relating to high utility rates.

According to Torres, the idea began in 2006 when his office, through the help of legislative assistant Dr. Jack Angello, initiated research and studies on how nuclear power being promoted in the U.S. could help the CNMI as a safe and reliable alternative source of power.

In 2007, Torres re-introduced the same legislation with the strong infor-

mation support from Hyperion Power Generation Co., a company sanctioned by the U.S. government and has a co-operative arrangement with the U.S. Los Alamos Nuclear Laboratories in New Mexico.

"It's been quite a journey to finally have this law, in order to open the doors to a better future for the Commonwealth," said Torres yesterday at the signing ceremony.

The new and safer nuclear technology has significantly changed the safety, classification, and economic feasibility of nuclear power, using Small Modular nuclear power reactors, or SMRs.

According to Torres' bill, these SMR reactors and power plants are economical to install and operate, compared to the outrageous costs of fossil fuel plants, and would result in a significant economic benefit to the CNMI without compromising the safety, health, and well-being of its citizens.

An SMR spends its fuel internally

and "empties" the battery, and then the battery capsule is returned to the factory for another 10-year re-charge.

Besides nuclear power devices, the CNMI will also explore the possibility of tapping geothermal power for the islands.

Fitial disclosed that a Houston, Texas-based company, along with its partner from Japan, will be on island next month to conduct exploration visits.

Fitial said that, based on the assessment of the U.S. Coast Guard, both the CNMI and Guam have geothermal potentials.

"To reduce the reliance on fossil fuel or diesel to run our generators, I am also focused on bringing geothermal because it will not only provide reliability and sustainability...but most importantly, affordability," said Fitial, adding that companies will look at how they could bring in the needed equipment to drill an estimated 6,000 feet below sea level.

Selwyn Ogo, a firefighter on Rota, said as a relative of the late Marine corporal, he would also like to know the truth about his nephew's passing.

Police Sergeant Joel Charfauros said his nephew's passing is a big loss to the family.

Rep. Teresita A Santos (Ind-Rota) reiterated that her nephew was a "very respectful man."

"The family takes consolation that he's back where he was born. But it's sad because we never expected this is how he would leave us. But then there's always an appointed time for all of us," she said.

Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola said the sadness is felt deeply in a small community like Rota.

"There's sadness for the loss of a child of Rota. This is something least expected. But we have to accept God's plan. Our sympathy goes out to the family... We will be united as we are and we console one another so we can continue on," he said in an interview.

John Barcinas said he feels for the Santos family, adding that it's hard to imagine that a Marine would be killed by his fellow Marine.

"I just want to share my opinion. I think the U.S. should pull out from Afghanistan," he said.

### Heroes

Ruth Coleman, who is Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's special assistant for military and veterans affairs, said military personnel "left home to serve the country, and they will always come back as heroes."

"They are forever our heroes," she said.

Mayette Maliksi, who took care of Santos when he was growing up in the Philippines, said she still couldn't believe that her nephew is gone.

CNMI leaders also welcomed the arrival of Santos' body on Rota. They included Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota), Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), Sens. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), Henry San Nicolas (Cov-Rota), Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), and House Floor Leader George Camacho.

Santos' body arrived in Guam from Delaware early yesterday morning, and was brought to Rota in the afternoon.

In Guam, family members and friends viewed his body during a special viewing held at Ada's Funeral Home in Sinajana.

Santos will be buried today at the San Jose cemetery on Rota.

## ROUGH

From Page 1

long complained to government agencies about these terrible road conditions.

"Since I moved to this village, it's been like this," said a female local resident who wished to remain anonymous.

Having lived in Kagman for seven years, she said she initially approached the previous mayor and his office and told them about the trouble they have to go through when driving along these unpaved roads.

She acknowledged the action taken by the Mayor's Office which was to put gravel on these roads.

"But it was only a temporary solution," she pointed out.

On rainy days, residents have to endure the strong current of floodwaters that wash down corals on the road, in turn worsening the state of these unpaved roads.

During dry season, residents are forced to endure the heavy dust when driving along these rough roads.

"Driving on a steep, uphill road that is also unpaved is especially difficult for us," said a male local resident.

Ramon Adolfo, an employee of Kingfisher Golf Links and also a Kagman resident for seven years, said that as time goes by, his old pickup truck is already having a hard time keeping up with these unpaved roads.

Adolfo, 42, said that on certain days, he takes other routes when going to his destination to avoid the rough roads.

According to Adolfo, a lot of people are not encouraged to visit their beautiful village and their stunning beaches like the Marine Beach because of the road conditions in Kagman.

The female resident said the terrible roads in Kagman are an important factor why most locals who avail of homesteads would rather choose Dandan and As Matuis over Kagman.

She believes that there are a number of land and property owners in Kagman who do not stay in the area largely

because of these terrible roads.

"I just wish they improve the roads here in Kagman because we will be staying here forever," she added.

### CIP or DPW?

Kagman Komunitat Association president Jesse Torres told *Saipan Tribune* that they approached the CIP office to find out if there is available funding or grants that would finance the paving of these roads.

But they were told by the office to contact the Department of Public



A pickup truck drives past an unpaved road in Kagman IV. Kagman Komunitat Association president Jesse Torres said the government should check on funding sources that would allow the paving of these terrible roads.

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Works first.

According to Torres, DPW sent them a letter about a year and a half ago saying that the agency would pave the Kamuti Road and the unpaved portions of the Chacha Road.

"I don't know if the money got re-appropriated again," he said.

Torres said the paving of Kagman III and IV roads are long overdue. "This would beautify the village and make it convenient for all residents," he said.

He added that as taxpayers, they want to see some of their money spent on these rough roads.

"We just want our roads to be paved," said Torres.

Money was used to buy a high technology photocopier, a Canon image runner C2550 worth \$10,463; electronic equipment amounting to \$9,216.30; radio and accessories totaling \$6,230; and bush cutter/chain saw/blower/tactical gear totaling \$5,489.24.

CDA said CPA also bought the following: \$5,030.11 worth of equipment parts, tires and batteries; \$3,403.44 worth of boots, flashlight, belts, pants, equipment parts and freight; another \$2,380 for electronic equipment; \$2,460 for tires and alternator; \$1,076 for a projector and a digital camera; \$880 for uniforms; and another \$534 for uniforms.

Stuart Smith, CDA comptroller, said this is an "unfortunate situation for both CPA and CDA."

"Nevertheless, this was discussed with CPA and they agreed that these are questioned costs. After working with CPA, these funds have been deposited back to CPA Airport CIP fund account; the balance on this account as of today is \$62,357.98," Stuart told Manglona in a July 16 letter.

Manglona said this means there's still \$62,357.98 that could be available for other capital improvement projects for the Rota airport.

## SLAIN

From Page 1

Family members from Rota, most of them wearing black commemorative shirts with the late Marine corporal's face on it, formed a line beside the military plane to welcome back their beloved son.

At the main entrance to the airport stood some 200 more children and adults, some of them holding miniature American flags. They were patiently waiting for the casket to come out, escorted by members of the U.S. Marine Corps.

"He's my baby," said his teary-eyed mother, Charito Maliksi-Runge, who flew in from Delaware for her son's funeral this morning.

With her were Santos' stepbrothers and stepsisters who are 1 to 16 years old.

"The last time we saw each other was during my mother's wedding, and he was telling me how happy he was, because everybody was there," said his stepsister Jade, 9.

She and her sister Jessica, 11, and Joseph, 14, recounted the last time they saw Santos, when their mother got remarried on June 12, just days after he was redeployed to Afghanistan.

Santos was allegedly stabbed and killed by a fellow Marine in Marjeh, Helmand Province in Afghanistan, where he was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

He passed away on July 15—not July 16 as earlier reported. He was only 21.

The late Marine corporal was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

### Memories

Santos was born on May 17, 1989 on Rota. He was then brought to his mother's hometown of Bacoar, Cavite in the Philippines until he was 9 years old when he went back to Rota to be with his father.

His father, David M. Santos, said seeing his son's casket for the first time at the airport tarmac brought back memories of his nephew's arrival on Rota three years ago—also in a casket—due to fatal injuries sustained from an improvised explosive device that blew up near their vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq where he was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"It wasn't long ago. It's still fresh in my memory," David M. Santos told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at his

residence in Sinapalo where his son's body was brought from the airport.

The father said he has to be strong for his family, and takes comfort in the belief that his son is "now in God's hands."

He said the prayers and the support he has been getting from people—in and outside of the CNMI—give him strength to live each day.

### Justice

David M. Santos, who was only 17 when his son was born on Rota, said all he wants now is to hear from the U.S. military the results of its investigation into his son's killing, "to bring closure to the family."

"I hope that justice will prevail... He's a great soldier, he's a great Marine," said the father, now 42.

He reiterated that he wants to see his son's killer, whom he learned is also a U.S. Marine corporal.

"I don't have any hatred. I just want justice, and I just want my questions to be answered. What really happened, how did it happen, and I want to see the suspect myself, I want to hear it from him," he added.

He was consoling family members, especially Santos' adoptive mother, Isabella Maratita, from the airport to his residence in Sinapalo.

"He's in Heaven now," he would tell his children as they were crying over Santos' open casket.

David Santos talked to his son on the phone about a week before he passed away.

"He called me and told me, 'Dad, don't worry.' I told him 'I love you my son. Always take care, I'm praying for you night and day,'" he added.

The late Marine corporal left behind a 20-year-old wife, Lotty Ann, and their 3-year-old son.

Lotty Ann, consoled mostly by her father, cried and hugged her late husband's casket shortly before it was loaded into a waiting vehicle for a motorcade.

### Former classmates

The late Marine's former classmates at Rota High School also remember him dearly.

"The last time I saw him was April 2009, when he was here. He was telling me that after his second deployment to Afghanistan, he would come back here and bring me goat teeth because I'm missing front teeth. We would always laugh about it," said his former classmate, David Ogo, 21.



# Cop files complaint vs Ogumoro for harassment, abuse

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A police sergeant has filed a formal complaint against newly reinstated Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro, alleging that he has been harassing and intimidating DPS employees and ordering personnel to participate in illegal hiring activities.

Sgt. James C. Deleon Guerrero also alleged that Ogumoro had asked some officers to sign a petition to replace Santiago

Tudela as commissioner, and even made sexually suggestive remarks about the CNMI first lady during command staff meetings.

*Saipan Tribune* tried to get comments yesterday from Ogumoro; DPS acting spokesman Jason Tarkong said he will relay the message to the official.

In his complaint, Deleon Guerrero asked DPS and the Office of Personnel Management to immediately stop Ogumoro from harassing, intimidating and subjecting DPS employees to a hostile

working environment.

Deleon Guerrero also demanded that he and his subordinates be placed under the command of another supervisor and away from Ogumoro.

"Ultimately, this formal grievance is about restoring the integrity of the right of DPS employees against hostile and dangerous work environments, coercion, bullying and intimidation of DPS employees by Ogumoro," the sergeant said.

Deleon Guerrero related that on May 21, two days after Tudela terminated Ogumoro, Tudela ordered him to shut down the portable radio assigned to Ogu-

moro. Deleon Guerrero said he instructed Police Officer James R. Rabauliman to retrieve the radio from Ogumoro.

Rabauliman then called to inform him that Ogumoro had told him he has already talked with Gov. Benigno Fitial about his return to DPS and that Ogumoro allegedly threatened to transfer Rabauliman and Deleon Guerrero to other sections once he returns.

Deleon Guerrero said Rabauliman called him on May 29 and stated he will transfer "all of you guys out" once he returns.

Ogumoro allegedly stated that he is holding a petition for

Rabauliman to sign it. When Rabauliman asked what the petition was about, Ogumoro allegedly replied: "Let's just say that our boss is not doing a good job and this petition is to just to put him aside. It says that I am better qualified to run the department than he is."

Fitial reinstated Ogumoro as deputy commissioner on July 7.

Three days later Deleon Guerrero said, he found in his mailbox a copy of his transfer to the Evidence Custodial Unit, as well as copies of personnel orders transferring three personnel under his command to other areas.

The orders were all signed by Ogumoro. Deleon Guerrero said Tudela did not sign the orders so he called the commissioner.

He said Tudela stated that he has to concur with all personnel orders before they take effect.

Deleon Guerrero said he remains as the commander of the Bureau of Information and Technology Applications, special agent in charge of the Bureau of Criminal Intelligence, and the officer-in-charge of the Volunteer Assistance in Police Section and the Evidence Control Unit.

Deleon Guerrero said he believes that Ogumoro is engaged in the illegal hiring of employees and he believes that Ogumoro is coercing DPS civil service employees to perform illegal hiring and the choosing of his preferred vendors for repairs and other services.

Deleon Guerrero said Ogumoro lacks the required temperament and leadership skills as evidenced by his outbursts and use of profanity during command staff meetings.

## Ogumoro vows to continue campaign vs illegal drugs

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REPORTER

Department of Public Safety Deputy Commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro vowed yesterday to continue his campaign against illicit drugs.

Ogumoro also reassured the public he will continue to enforce a zero-tolerance policy for anyone breaking the law, including police and fire personnel.

Some DPS personnel were recently arrested for involvement in drug trafficking.

Through acting police spokesman Jason Tarkong, Ogumoro expressed strong support to the CNMI Drug Enforcement Task Force, which consists of officers from DPS narcotics unit and CNMI Customs.

Tarkong said that, with the recent arrest of Police Officer Florencio Richards, Ogumoro plans to continue the random drug-testing on all DPS personnel (both fire and police) and will make certain everyone will comply with testing procedures.

Ogumoro had just been reinstated to his post as deputy com-

missioner, some two months after he was relieved of his post in the wake of internal issues at DPS.

With his reinstatement, Ogumoro is just continuing where he left off, according to Tarkong.

"Ogumoro would like to assure the public he is working closely with Commissioner Santiago Tudela, and is glad to be back," Tarkong said.

On cost-cutting measures, Ogumoro will monitor all DPS vehicle mileage log sheets to conserve fuel.

"Ogumoro will ensure the department maintains a healthy and clean standards while interacting with the public. Additional cost saving measures include turning off all unused air conditioners, lights, and electrical equipment after office hours," Tarkong said.

He said the deputy commissioner will reestablish his means of countering reckless drivers on island with the Aggressive Driving Interdiction Program. ADIP involves making uniformed officers highly visible along main roads of the island to deter, detect and apprehend reckless drivers.

## NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 6:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan.

### A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
5. Communications
6. Public Comments

### B. Reports

1. Chairperson
2. Secretary
3. Treasurer
4. Administrator
5. Committees
6. Legal Counsel

### C. Permits/ Applications/ Rezones: review and decide.

1. None

### D. Old Business.

1. Update on Zoning Office Operations (Permit Processing, Enforcement, Junk Car Program)

### E. New Business.

1. Big Boy Marine Sports, Inc. Conditional Permit #2008-1497 (Discussion on requested amendment)

### F. Executive (Closed) Session

### G. Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact Douglas Wyatt, Zoning Administrator, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Henry S. Hofschneider, Acting Chair, Zoning Board



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# Slain Son Returns Home



The late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael M. Santos' casket, draped in an American flag, arrives at the tarmac of the Rota International Airport around 1:30pm yesterday.



From left, the father of the late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael M. Santos, David M. Santos, stepfather Cary Runge, wife Lotty Ann Atalig Santos, mother Charito Maliksi-Runge, and adoptive mother Bella L. Maratita, stand beside their beloved's casket at the entrance to the Rota International Airport.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



David M. Santos looks on as Bella L. Maratita weeps upon seeing her adoptive son when the casket was opened for the first time on Rota at his father's village of Sinapalo.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Children and adults wearing commemorative shirts wait for the arrival of the remains of the late Marine Corporal Dave Michael Santos.

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Bella L. Maratita, David M. Santos, and their 3-year-old grandson Anthony David A. Santos, son of the late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael M. Santos.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



Families and friends of the late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael M. Santos at the Rota International Airport for a Mass.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Rota residents sing at a Mass for the arrival of the late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael M. Santos at the Rota International Airport.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



The casket of the late U.S. Marine Corporal Dave Michael M. Santos is brought from the Rota International Airport to his father's residence.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO



# Work begins on preserving NMI's cultural heritage collection

By CLARISSA V. DAVID  
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REPORTER

Being an island nation, the CNMI is at risk of losing its cultural heritage collection without proper attention, according to a professor from a university in Illinois.

The CNMI's remote location in the Pacific Ocean—where it is often struck by natural disasters like typhoons and tropical storms—puts it in a “fragile” situation, said Dr. Cecilia Lizama Salvatore.

“I think that preserving our cultural heritage is more pressing in this kind of environment,” said the associate professor of the School of Library & Information Science at the Dominican University in Illinois.

Salvatore arrived on Saipan on July 24 to work with the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in its Connecting to Collections 2010 CNMI CARES project. CARES stands for Cultural Assets Restoration Education Strategy. It is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Studies.

According to Salvatore, the public library and the Library Council aims to impress on the community the importance of preserving and sustaining cultural heritage resources through this project.

“Cultural heritage is such a vital part of our humanity. We need to preserve our cultural heritage in order for us to have resources to look back on to learn from in order for us to move forward,” she explained.

Through the project, Salvatore said they will also determine how different agencies that have cultural heritage collections can collaborate and leverage their talents, limited resources and skills to effectively

preserve these materials and give the public access to these materials.

Salvatore said this is a year-long project that has two components, the planning and assessment phase and the implementation phase.

The planning and assessment phase entails visiting various institutions and assessing their cultural heritage collections, she said.

Salvatore said she has already visited the CNMI Museum, the Division of Land Registration, the Commonwealth Recorder Office, and the Northern Marianas College Archives.

Executive director John Oliver DLR Gonzales said they will also visit the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, Hillblom Law Library, Historic Preservation Office, Commonwealth Council for the Arts and Culture, Public School System, and the Board of Education.

During these visits, Salvatore said they will find out the scope of the collections of the various agencies, methods of preservation, emergency plans for reservations, and provide training, if needed, for personnel in preserving their collections.

“Whatever we get out of these visits that we’ve been doing, we will put to use in an implementation grant proposal, applying the recommendations that would come out of this project,” she said.

Gonzales said the public library applied for the first phase of the grant and was successfully awarded the maximum grant of \$40,000.

The deadline to apply for a grant for the implementation phase is December of every year, said Gonzales. The maximum amount is \$250,000.

## MHS is ready to accommodate up to a total of 1,500 students

Marianas High School, the oldest high school on Saipan, is ready to accommodate more students if enrollment in other public high schools exceeds capacity, according to Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan and associate commissioner for Administrative Services James Peter Le’au.

Le’au, who is a former MHS vice principal, said the school has enough classrooms to hold additional classes if more enrollees are seen in September.

PSS earlier announced the re-zoning of some areas in Koblerville and San Antonio to allow other students to go to MHS instead of Saipan Southern High School, which recently closed its enrollment after reaching full capacity. Only 141 freshmen students were accommodated at SSHS.

This means majority of incoming high school students from Hopwood Junior High School may troop to MHS starting this school year.

SSHS is designed for 750

students. As of last week, it had 850 enrollees. Other freshmen were then referred to MHS to avoid overcrowding.

Every year, MHS accommodates about 1,200 students. However, both Sablan and Le’au said the campus could accommodate up to 2,000 enrollees if the need arises.

Le’au said that prior to the construction of SSHS and Kagman High School, MHS was home to over 2,000 students and 109 teachers.

“Facility-wise, MHS could house over 2,000 students like what we had before. However, if that happens, the concern is the lack of manpower to attend to all these students, the classroom teachers,” said Le’au.

Both officials said they expect to see an increase in MHS enrollment but no final count is available yet.

PSS will start classes on Sept. 7.

There were nearly 11,000 enrollees last school year on three islands.



Associate professor Dr. Cecilia Lizama Salvatore of the Graduate School of Library & Information Science is on island to conduct assessment of cultural heritage collections in the CNMI as part of the Connecting to Collections 2010 CNMI CARES project. With Salvatore are Florine M. Hofschneider of Tinian Public Library, executive director John Oliver DLR Gonzales of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, and chairman Joe Limes of the Library Council.

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# Kilili notes the 20th anniversary of ADA

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan issued the following statement yesterday celebrating the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"This week we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This law prohibits discrimination against those with disabilities in employment, education, public transportation and many other areas of daily life.

"Hard as it may be to remember, before the Americans with Disabilities Act was en-

acted, the normal routines of life that many of us take for granted were often closed to people with disabilities. Now, because of ADA, these same people can add their abilities more fully to the life of our communities, enriching us all with their energy, experience, dedication, and intellect.

"I want to congratulate my good friends and former colleagues in the CNMI State Rehabilitation Council, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, NMAPASI, SILC, CILC, the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council, the admin-

istrators and teachers of PSS SPED, and the administrators and counselors of the Community Guidance Center.

"And I want to especially recognize Ms. Tee Abraham, a great advocate of individuals with disabilities, who retired just last month from government service.

"Of course, there is still work to be done.

"I am particularly concerned, as the representative of the Northern Mariana Islands in the U.S. Congress, that our Nation take full responsibility for those returning home from Iraq or

Afghanistan with physical disabilities or mental trauma. Our national policies must provide these brave men and women with all the support they require.

"I am very happy to mark this day and celebrate the monumental achievement of the Americans with Disabilities Act. And I look forward to continuing the work begun here in Congress twenty years ago to provide equality of opportunity in education, employment and independent living for all Americans, including those in the Northern Mariana Islands." (PR)

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### PAWS sets meeting today

PAWS will have a general meeting today, July 29, 2010, at 5:30pm at Shenanigan's in Garapan. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of this meeting is to generate some interest in volunteering, as the organization will soon be reduced to one board member, Bobbi Grizzard.

Help keep PAWS alive and helping the animals and people of Saipan! Make a difference: Volunteer and contribute! (PAWS)

### DOC's Ada guest at Chamber membership meeting

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce will have its next general membership meeting at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's Cabaret on Wednesday, Aug. 4. Secretary of Commerce Michael Ada will offer Chamber members an update on the federal census, further information about the Small Business Development Center, information about the status of SBA lending, an update on ARRA projects in the Commonwealth, an update on the Guam military buildup, and more!

"The Secretary is always an engaging and informative speaker, and these are topics that should be of interest to all businesses in the CNMI. Please be sure to join us," said Kyle

Calabrese, Chamber executive director.

Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30am, and the meeting will begin at noon. As usual, the meeting is \$15 for members, \$20 for guests of members, and \$25 for general public. (SCC)

### WSRES student registration deadline

The William S. Reyes Elementary School is urging parents and guardians to register their children who are returning and new for school year 2010-2011 by Friday, July 30. After that, registration will be closed until Sept. 20. The school's administrative office is open from 8am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. For more information, contact the office at 237-3542/3. (WSRES)

### Veterans' briefing

Tina San Augustine, the Department of Veterans Affairs' public contract and outreach specialist for Guam and the CNMI, will be on Rota, Tinian and Saipan on Aug. 23-27, 2010, for a Veterans Outreach on veteran federal benefits. She will be also entertaining questions and assisting veterans with their claims.

■ Rota: Aug. 23, 2010, 8:30am-4:30pm, Rota Mayor's Office conference room

■ Tinian: Aug. 24-25, 8:30am-4:30pm, Tinian Municipal Council's office

■ Saipan: Aug. 26-27, 8am-

4:30pm, Office of Military/Veterans Affairs on Capitol Hill, Building 1364.

For more information, call Ruth Coleman at the Office of Military/Veterans Affairs at 664-2650.

### Free seminars at public library

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe will be hosting a free seminar on Medication as part of its "Self-Management Tools for Healthy Living." The seminar will be held on Aug. 4, 2010, from 5:30pm to 7pm. Healthy refreshments will be served while supplies last. (PR)

### An invitation to a free musical recital

Keynotes School of Music will be holding its 2010 Summer Musical Recital on July 30, 2010, from 3pm to 5pm at the Susupe Multi-Purpose Center. Students of the Keynotes School's summer programs who are mostly beginners in music education will be featured in the recital, called "The Magical Beginning." (PR)

### Second Saturday Strides: A call for volunteers

The Commonwealth Cancer Association will be launching its *Second Saturday Strides* starting in August, and is calling for volunteers.

*Second Saturday Strides* are monthly 3K fun runs/walks to raise funds for cancer programs and promote healthy physical activity in the community.

The *Strides* will be held on the second Saturday of every month, starting on Aug. 14, 2010. Volunteers are needed to help plan and promote the event, sign up sponsors, register participants, and assist at the aid stations. Exhibitions promoting a healthy lifestyle will also be solicited and encouraged.

For more information about *Second Saturday Strides* or the Commonwealth Cancer Association, and to find out how you can help, contact CCA Fundraising Committee chair Jocelyn Deleon Guerrero at jocelyndlg@yahoo.com or CCA program manager Tina Sablan at 682-0050, or email cca@cca-marianas.org. (PR)

### Saipan Summer Jam 2010

The Saipan Summer Jam team would like to invite participants who wish to join the car show on Aug. 21. The categories include: Best Import, Best Monster Truck, Best Classic, Best Overall, and Soundoff Competition. Food vendors, car dealerships, and sponsors are also welcome to participate. Contact Rhiner Aguon at 483-7769 or email saipansummerjam@gmail.com for more information. (PR)

## Flashback

### A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 29, 1999

#### Teno to lobby vs federal takeover

Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday vowed anew to fight any attempt that will take away CNMI's control over its labor and immigration functions, as he leaves today for Washington D.C. to lead the local delegation that will testify in an oversight hearing in the US Congress next week. The governor leaves today along with Commonwealth officials and representatives of the business sector for the August 3 hearing in the US capital called by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The panel, which has oversight of the Northern Marianas and other U.S. territories, will tackle the proposed legislation seeking full extension of the Immigration and Nationality Act to the island.

#### Submission of report on power project pushed back

Submission of a final report on the independent re-evaluation of the stalled power project on Saipan has been moved to late next month or early September, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation. It was initially reported that the findings by Burns & McDonnell, the U.S. engineering firm hired by CUC, were expected to be out this month. These will be the basis of the selection of a contractor of the controversial project. There is no information, however, on what has caused the delay, which would further push back the construction of the 80-megawatt power plant—touted to be the largest government project ever in the Northern Marianas.

July 29, 2002

#### MVA urged to hike tourism safety

Regardless of who has the authority over tourism safety in the Commonwealth, the government and industry players should address this issue as a team. Although only one businessman stood up to stress this point, he was widely applauded by the audience during Friday's general membership meeting of the Marianas Visitors Authority at the Fiesta Hall of the Hafadai Beach Hotel. Gov. Juan N. Babauta himself said that, due to increasing security concerns raised by tourists and tourism-related businesses, his administration would address these concerns directly. This comes in the wake of several incidents of criminality—thief, robbery, muggings—that have victimized tourists on island, resulting in negative publicity for the CNMI.

#### Babauta, GMA meeting all set

Gov. Juan N. Babauta is set to leave for Manila tomorrow for about three days of working visit that includes a meeting with Philippine president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo. He will be accompanied during his trip by Washington Rep. Pete A. Tenorio, Labor and Immigration Secretary Joaquin A. Tenorio, and an as yet unspecified number of people that could include two representatives from the 13th Legislature. "I've been working with Philippine Consul General Julia Heidemann and she's helping us put together our schedule in our visit," Babauta told reporters Thursday last week. The Governor will meet Macapagal-Arroyo on July 31st. From the Philippines, Babauta is planning to proceed to Japan to visit his father, who is ill.

July 29, 2003

#### BOE split on governor's MOU

Board of Education members remain divided on the governor's proposed Memorandum of Understanding for the additional \$1 million funding to the Public School System. BOE chairman Herman T. Guerrero told the House of Representatives yesterday that the board has not voted on the MOU yet and, therefore, has not accepted the \$1 million funding. Meantime, BOE vice chairman Roman Benavente maintains that the majority of the board had voted to reconsider its earlier rejection of the PSS. In separate interviews, the two education officials defended their respective positions.

#### Decision up soon on DPH's grant application

The Department of Public Health's application for a grant that would be used to convert the Kagman Youth Detention Center into a satellite clinic has already been reviewed and would be up for consideration when the Health Resources and Services Administration announces its decision on or before August 15. HRSA administrator Elizabeth M. Duke made this assurance in a letter to House Speaker Heinz S. Hofschneider in response to a House resolution the lower chamber had passed supporting the grant application.



### BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 6th birthday to Queen Anne H. Rectitud, who is celebrating her special day today, July 29, 2010! We love you! Greetings come from Papa, Mommy, and Louis.

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Happy birthday greetings go out to Kimberly M. Camacho aka "Kimster" who is celebrating her special day today, July 29, 2010. Wishing you all the best YOW! God bless and may you have many more beautiful birthdays to come. We love you! Greetings coming out from your friends and family!



Happy first birthday to Kirida "Kiri" Manglona Reyes, who is celebrating her birthday today, July 29, 2010, and belated happy first birthday to Luther "Babush" K. Reyes, who marked his special day on July 17, 2010! May both of you have many more birthdays to come! Loving you always, Loutricia, Keoni, JayBoy, Boom, LRock, Louie and your Reyes family!

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

Resty Albana Corotan, an NCLEX examination applicant with the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners, has passed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. Congratulations! We are proud of you. Greetings come from Dad, Mom, families, and friends.

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Final EIS for Guam and CNMI military relocation now out

WASHINGTON, DC—The Department of Navy announced Tuesday the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Guam and CNMI Military Relocation, or Final EIS. This Final EIS includes analyses of impacts for the following proposed actions on Guam and Tinian:

- Development and construction of facilities and infrastructure to support the relocation from Okinawa to Guam of approximately 8,600 Marines and their 9,000 dependents; development and construction facilities and infrastructure to support training and operations on Guam and Tinian for the relocated Marines.
- Construction of a new deep-draft wharf with shoreside infrastructure improvements creating the capability in Apra Harbor, Guam to support a transient nuclear powered aircraft carrier.

OAG seeks new trial in Peter-Palican’s lawsuit

The CNMI government has asked the federal court to hold a new trial in the lawsuit filed by Emerenciana Peter-Palican, who had sued for her termination in 2006 as special assistant for Women’s Affairs.

Assistant attorney general Gilbert J. Birnrich, on behalf of the CNMI government and Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, filed the motion for a new trial yesterday in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Birnrich also asked the court to amend its findings and conclusions as well as clarify its judgment by dismissing Peter-Palican’s claims for breach of contract, promissory estoppel, violation of her First Amendment rights, and violation of her due process rights.

The lawyer also asked the court to reverse its finding allowing Peter-Palican to recover damages.

If the court declines to dismiss the claim for violation of due process rights, Birnrich asked the court to substitute backpay in lieu of Peter-Palican’s reinstatement to her old post.

Last March, the federal court ordered the CNMI government to pay Peter-Palican \$216,049.88 in back wages. The court also ordered the Commonwealth and Fitial to reappoint her within 30 days to a government position that has a salary similar to or greater than what she used to have.

The court then awarded the plaintiff \$29,407.50 in attorney’s fees plus \$450 in court costs.

Birnrich said the court’s reversal in mid-trial of its decision to permit evidence on the issue of liability prejudiced the defendants and affected their rights.

“Retrial on all issues, including liability, is appropriate in order to cure the prejudicial treatment of defendants,” he added. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

ON THE NET

Download Final EIS: [www.guambuildupeis.us](http://www.guambuildupeis.us)  
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- Development of facilities and infrastructure on Guam to support the relocation of approximately 600 military personnel and their 900 dependents and the establishment and operation of an Army Missile Defense task Force.
- Over 10,000 comments were received during the 90-day public comment period on the Draft EIS, which was released on November 20, 2010. The Final EIS has been modified as appropriate and/or includes direct responses to public comments. The Department

of Navy coordinated with representatives from across the federal government to resolve several important issues.

Key issues raised on the Draft EIS that have been addressed in the Final EIS include:

- The Navy’s decision to defer the decision on a specific location for a transient CVN berth in Apra Harbor and voluntarily collect additional data on marine resources in the two alternative site locations;
- Identification of solutions to

such improvements. Additionally, funding sources have been identified for required off base road and port improvements;

- Use of adaptive program management techniques as a mitigation measure, which will adjust the pace and sequencing

of construction to stay within the limitations of Guam’s infrastructure; and

- Use of force flow reduction as a mitigation measure, which will slow the arrival of Marine Corps forces until requisite facilities are built. *(PR)*

GET COPY OF FINAL EIS

Copies of the Final EIS are available for review at the following public libraries:

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**Joeten-Kiyu Public Library**  
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Saipan, MP 96950

**Tinian:**  
**Tinian Public Library**  
P.O. Box 520704  
Tinian, MP 96952

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Mangilao, GU 96923

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Guam seminar teaches how to contest OSHA citations

TUMON, Guam—The Guam Contractor’s Association and Sherman Consulting have teamed up to offer Guam’s business community two courses that teach strategies on how to contest OSHA citations and how to handle an OSHA audit.

The two courses, which will be held this Saturday, July 31, 2010, at the Holiday Resort in Tumon, will be conducted by Dr. Adrian Estes, an internation-

ally recognized safety trainer.

Estes, PhD, RN, RSP, RES, is retired from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and holds a doctorate degree in Safety Management. Dr. Estes is the director of the International Board of Environmental Health and Safety Inc., the nationally approved accredited safety certification registry agency. He has over 16 years experience in occupational

safety and health as a consultant, lecturer, instructor, and expert witness and has provided services for a multiple of companies, including Kiewit Pacific, Otis Elevator, Granite Construction, and Raytheon, to name a few.

In addition to Dr. Estes, NAVFAC Marianas Safety Program Manager Anthony Sholing will also be making a presentation covering NAV-

FAC’s onsite inspection protocols as well as NAVFAC’s citation procedures.

“Many companies do not realize that they can contest citations issued by OSHA. The process, although tedious and time consuming, can result in the company saving thousands of dollars in fines. The courses we are offering on Saturday, will provide participants a roadmap on how to successfully contest citations and deal with audits *without* an attorney,” said Philip Mendiola-Long, president of Sherman Consulting.

Registration is \$195 for both courses and includes a light breakfast, snacks, lunch buffet, reception and conference handouts and materials.

For more information on the training program, contact Sherman Consulting at [SafetyTraining@ShermanPacific.com](mailto:SafetyTraining@ShermanPacific.com). Registration is limited so interested parties are encouraged to register prior to this Saturday’s training. *(PR)*

2010 – 2011 Application For Free School Meals is now available at all public schools and at the Public School System Central Office

PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Public School System Food and Nutrition Services Program today announced its policy for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.

Meal prices for the 2010-2011 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students may buy a subsidized school breakfast for \$0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for \$1.70 at elementary schools and \$2.10 at secondary schools. Students may purchase a school lunch for \$0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for \$2.70 at elementary schools and \$3.25 at secondary schools.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Food and Nutrition Office and are being sent to all public schools with a notice to parents or guardians. Applications are available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School as well. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Food and Nutrition Services office. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year.

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name and return the application to the school office. If any of the students do not have a valid food stamp number, then the entire application must be completed with accompanying verification documents.

For the school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, welfare, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the most recent check stubs must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Food and Nutrition Services Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Food and Nutrition Services Program Manager located on the third floor of the NMI Retirement Building.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the FNS Office. Such changes may make the household eligible for reduced price meals or free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free or reduced price meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the school for more information.

2010-2011 Application For Free School Meals

Part 1: Student Information

Student's Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Date of Birth	Gender	Grade	School of Choice	Street Address	City	State	Zip

Part 2: List all other members of the household. Do not include children listed above in Part 1. Please list all persons who lived with you during the previous 12 months, regardless of age, sex, marital status, or relationship to you.

Name of All Household Member	Relationship to Applicant	Age	Sex	SSN	Income Source	Amount	Frequency

Part 3: Signature and Social Security Number of Adult Household Member

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

List the names and info of each child attending school.

List the names of all other members of the household and any income.

One of the legal guardians listed in Part 2 must sign and date the form.

2010-2011 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals. Please note that these guidelines are subject to change after July 1, 2010.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	\$ 14,079	\$ 1,174	\$ 587	\$ 542	\$ 271
2	18,941	1,579	790	729	365
3	23,803	1,984	992	916	458
4	28,665	2,389	1,195	1,103	552
5	33,527	2,794	1,397	1,290	645
6	38,389	3,200	1,600	1,477	739
7	43,251	3,605	1,803	1,664	832
8	48,113	4,010	2,005	1,851	926
Add'l member, Add.....	+ 4,682	+ 406	+ 203	+ 187	+ 94

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

Children who received free meals last school year will receive free meals for up to 30 days after the opening of school on September 7, 2010. **To avoid delays in free school meal services due to processing, all applications should be completed and submitted to PSS FNS before September 24, 2010.**

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS FNS office can be reached on Saipan: 237-2053/3060/3058/3050/3033/3055 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105, Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042



# Opinion

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## EDITORIAL

### WikiLeaks wasn't wrong

**P**redictably, this week's release of thousands of classified documents by WikiLeaks—which also provided them to the *New York Times*, Germany's *Der Spiegel* and the *Guardian* in London—has fired up those who believe secrecy fosters national security and who shudder at the idea of journalists rummaging through classified material. Typical was the comment from tiresome Sen. Joe Lieberman, I-Conn. WikiLeaks, he maintained, is armed with “an ideological agenda implacably hostile to our military and the most basic requirements of our national security.”

To which one is tempted to say: So what?

What motivates WikiLeaks to post classified material is barely even interesting, much less important. Rather, the germane question is whether the United States and its allies are best served by secrecy or debate. And the answer is obvious: No democracy can or should fight a war without the consent of its people, and that consent is only meaningful if it is predicated on real information.

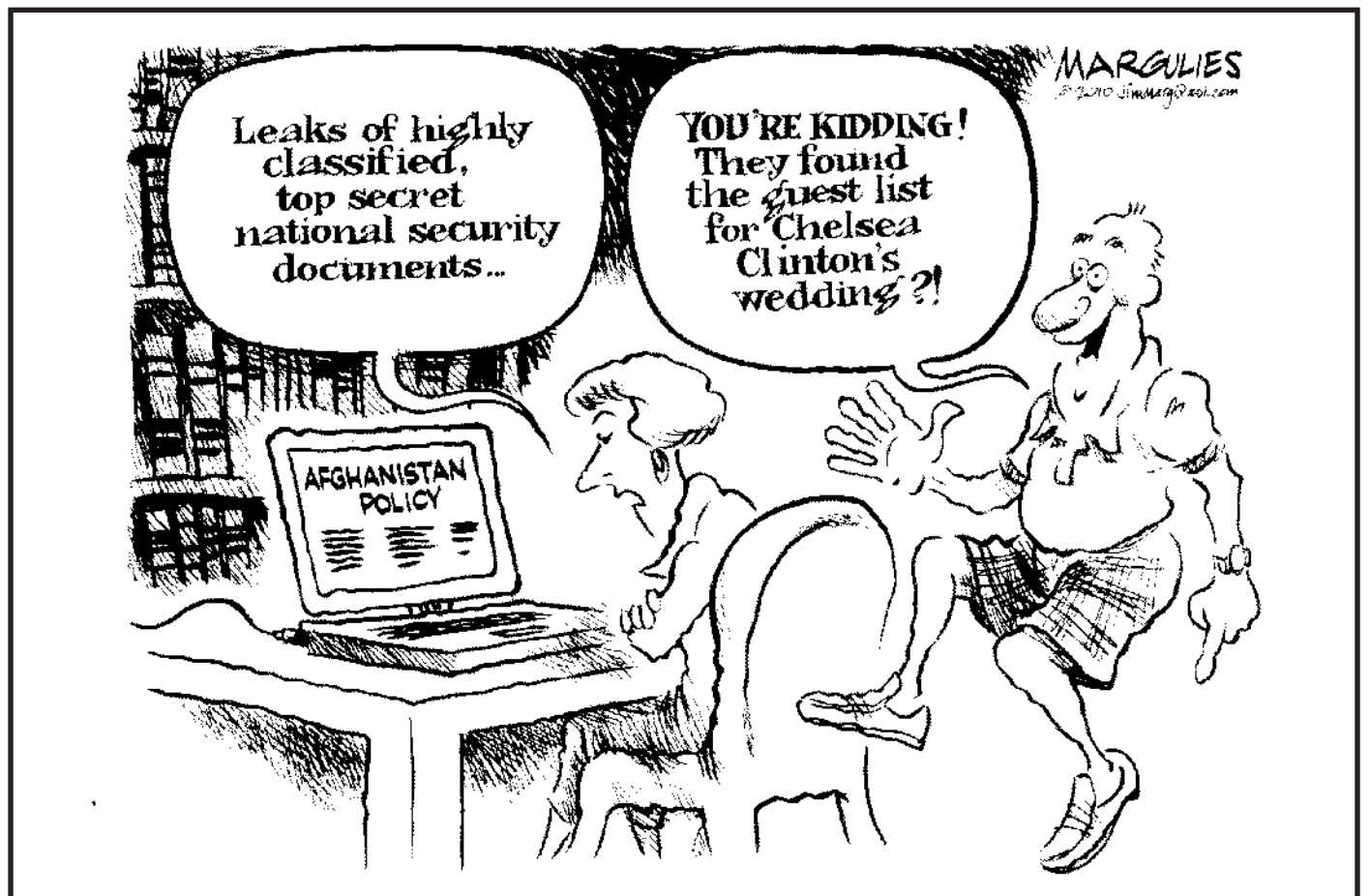
That is not to say classified material should be published in haste or with indifference. Thankfully, WikiLeaks and its media colleagues appear to have behaved thoughtfully in their handling of these documents. The *New York Times* sought and received guidance from the Obama administration on especially sensitive materials, and even WikiLeaks redacted thousands of pages that included names of people whose safety might be jeopardized. Those are the actions of responsible journalists.

The WikiLeaks materials have been likened to the Pentagon Papers, an exaggeration but not an entirely inapt comparison. The new documents offer insight primarily into the war-fighting of the recently departed George W. Bush administration; the Pentagon Papers ended with the Johnson administration and were not published until Richard Nixon was president. But much of the WikiLeaks material emanates from the field, so although it makes for gripping reading, it lacks the deep policy implications of the Pentagon Papers.

In 1971, the Supreme Court rebuffed Nixon's attempt to thwart publication of that historic report, and Justice Hugo Black concurred with an opinion that offers timely rebuttal to Lieberman and others who deplore the publication of these latest documents. In crafting the First Amendment, Black wrote, the founders understood that security was not best protected by secrecy but by scrutiny.

“The press was protected so that it could bare the secrets of government and inform the people,” Black wrote. “Only a free and unrestrained press can effectively expose deception in government. And paramount among the responsibilities of a free press is the duty to prevent any part of the government from deceiving the people and sending them off to distant lands to die of foreign fevers and foreign shot and shell.”

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## Your inner world

“There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come.”—Victor Hugo

**T**he quest for a single equation that could encapsulate the behavior of all known forces in the universe has been the holy grail of science. Some scientists that draw on the advances in cosmology, quantum physics, biology, and consciousness studies believe that science is now in a position to produce the “theory of everything,” or the theory that astrophysicists Stephen Hawking believes will allow us to know the mind of God.

Let me share a brief progression of this thought. An aging astronomer by the name of Galileo Galilei was taken before the Roman Inquisition in 1633 and tried, convicted, and sentenced to spend the rest of his life in prison for espousing the idea that the Sun, not the Earth, was the center of the solar system. Even though this idea was judged as radical, and diametrically opposed to the position of the church, it forged the way for others to use empirical evidence in the real world to validate ideas that come from our thoughts. However, the real question is where do our thoughts come from and what impact do they have on our real world?

Generations later, Sir Isaac Newton mapped the laws of physics that laid the foundation for modern science, but as scientists reached the limits of the Newtonian worldview, their explorations took them into the heart of the atom where the nature of reality becomes less empirical. Quantum physics, or the study of how the world works on the smallest scale, was used to understand why the world does not behave the way Newton said it would.

Albert Einstein discovered the relationship between physical mass and nonphysical energy and further opened our view of how the world works. Einstein showed us how the two are not only related, but that mass and energy can be transformed into each other. He believed that everything is energy because everything is made of molecules, which are made of atoms, which are made of protons, electrons and neutrons, which are made of nothing but vibrating packets of energy. As scientists continued pursuing their explorations on staggeringly small subatomic scales, they were confounded by some sort of force that appeared to be present even at temperatures of absolute zero, when all known forms of energy are reduced to its lowest level. The quantum mechanical system that encompasses this energy is the zero-point field or the quantum vacuum, a concept first proposed by Einstein and Otto Stern in 1913. According to quantum mechanics, the quantum vacuum is not empty but instead contains fleeting electromagnetic waves and particles that pop into and out of existence.

Danish physicists Niels Bohr and Werner Heisenberg discovered that the heart of each subatomic particle is not like the organized billiards of the solar system, but were more like packets of possibilities, and their work suggests that reality is made not of solid substance but of fields of potentiality. Strangely, a particle would take on the specific characteristic of a material thing only when it was observed or measured, and that the act of observation influences a particle's behavior. Every time a scientist looked for an electron, an electron would appear, right where they expected it. Even more

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bizarre, it was discovered that just the mere intention of measuring particles would still affect the particles.

In physicist Ervin Laszlo's book, *Science and the Akashic Field* (akasha is the Sanskrit term for “space”), he proposed that the quantum vacuum is the fundamental energy and information-carrying field found throughout the universe. Laszlo shares a series of experiments conducted by lie detector expert Cleve Backster where white blood cells were taken from the mouths of subjects and cultured in test tubes. In one of the tests, the subject was shown a TV program depicting the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The subject was a former Navy gunner who had been present at Pearl Harbor during the attack and when the face of a Navy gunner was shown on the screen, the man's face showed an emotional reaction, and at that precise moment, the lie detector needle attached to his culture of white blood cells jumped, even though it was over seven miles away.

These results were duplicated in subsequent experiments, even though the distances were sometimes hundreds of miles away. The explanation is that the particles of the subject's body were still connected with one another. Scientists labeled this capacity for instantaneous interconnection as “nonlocality.” Einstein used the less non-technical term of “spooky action at a distance.”

Laszlo posits that the Akashic Field consists of a subtle sea of fluctuating energies from which all things arise: from atoms to galaxies, stars, planets, living beings, and even conscious thought itself. This Field essentially helps a universe know how to become a universe, how an acorn becomes an oak, and for you to develop and achieve your potential. It is believed that the Akashic Field literally conveys all the information of life itself and has been referred to as the “Book of Life.” In other words, the laws that govern subatomic particles and solar systems also govern our thoughts and ultimately the results we achieve.

If the recent scientific theory of the Akashic Field is true, then this universal energy field is written with our thoughts and actions, and if it can be accessed consciously, then much of the past and traumatic events we hold in our inner world could be liberated and thus increase the energy for positive potentials realized in our outer world.

So what is the point of all of this? It's that everything that exists first comes from an idea or thought. Putting it down on paper in the form of goals or verbally stating it through affirmations helps to keep our thoughts centered on an outcome. Our ability to think, be self-aware, and communicate our thoughts and knowledge to oth-

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## The power of clarity

**T** rue story. When I was about 8 years old, I taught myself how to draw. I started out by tracing the photographs in catalogs and fashion magazines and eventually learned to draw on my own. I got so good at it that, as a 10-year-old child, I was earning money as a freelance artist for a local community center. Everyone who knew me at the time said I had a bright future as a graphic artist.

As I grew into reading comic books, I was inspired to develop and draw my own characters. After seeing my work, a doctor, family-friend, and self-published author at our church, offered to help me publish my comic books. That never materialized, but I continued to draw and write, and soon, I had a whole universe of superheroes with different powers, and story lines.

One of my favorites was a team of young adventurers that featured a young couple—a Jamaican man and a Latina woman—who were romantically involved. Every day, I would spend hours and hours fantasizing about their exploits and drawing story after story as I indulged my artistic passion. Drawing was a source of great satisfaction, sublimation and also escape for my youthful thoughts and energy.

As I evolved through high school, however, I started drawing less and less, and by the time I graduated, those days of creative fantasizing and escape were almost nil, and my collection of art work ended up in boxes in closets and basements, and faded into the forgotten.

Jump ahead a few years, and I'm now at Columbia University, where, during my junior year, I meet a young lady. We start dating. She's everything I want: good heart, adventurous, intelligent, good conversation, independent, and, oh yes, pretty feet. I propose to her on the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, and we move in together.

Now, even though we never did marry (things fell apart shortly afterwards, as I was still evolving), all told, we were together for seven years. It was the longest, and most impactful relationship I've had. Her name was Reina—Spanish for “queen.”

Jump ahead a few more years, and after redefining myself, quitting my engineering job, writing a few books, escaping from New York, becoming a nomad adventurer, I found myself going through some old boxes and came across the old artwork and comics I had created as a child in elementary school. Reminiscing, I start reading the old stories to see if and how my pre-teen mind has evolved. What I discovered gave me a shock!

I rediscovered that the name of the lead female character, the Spanish girl I had conjured up for my lead male character, the girl who was his partner in adventure—her name—which I had completely forgotten in the intervening years—had been “Rina!” In other words, the name I had created for the significant female character in my fantasies, years before in elementary school, turned out to be almost exactly the same name of the one woman I almost married many years later! Coincidence? I think not.

### ALL IN GOOD TIME

## The Contents of the Time Capsule: Key to the English Language

**D** r. John P. Harrington of the Bureau of Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution believed that after 5,000 years all the spoken languages of the present time will have become extinct or so altered as to require a key for their understanding. The English language spoken in the United States, if not replaced by some other or natural or invented tongue, will have suffered complete reform many times over though the laws of linguistic evolving laws which, though proceeding in regular paths will, because of their complexity, work the apparent result of radical havoc. Books of the present day, through chemical change, will have disappeared.

The deliberate scientific depiction of English of the '30s for the people 5,000 years from the time of the burial of the Time Capsule must provide adequate clues entirely independent of any furnished translation. The procedure must show by picture of the human mouth where each of the various sounds of speech comes from and with such clarity that the articulation can be re-enacted. A map of the mouth was included in the Capsule depicting by cartoon-like diagrams the putting together of words with detailed instructions, examples and diagrams to assist in comprehending the English language of the day. It's a form of an English language Rosetta stone.

That our method of writing will be preserved, should other records of it disappear, a book in which the Lord's Prayer was translated into 300 different tongues as well as the fable, *The Story of the North Wind & the Sun*, which was translated into 25 languages. These may serve, as did the trilingual Rosetta stone,

### Treasure-mapping

Motivational speakers, self-help gurus and personal development coaches all speak about the power of treasure-mapping as a way of creating your desired reality. Treasure-mapping is the act of pasting or posting images of your desired reality in a place where you can view and visualize it on a daily basis. Your treasure map—an actual physical collage of images—might include pictures of your dream car, dream house, perfect mate, boat, money, any visual representation of things, or experiences you'd like to create in your life.

Treasure-mapping is based on the principle that anything you dwell upon continuously, visualize, and live in will eventually manifest in your reality. It works.

### Get clear on what you want

When I suggest the treasure-mapping concept to coaching clients and workshop attendees, I often get a little resistance. While they recognize the validity of the concept, they are often a little hesitant about it. In order to successfully use treasure-mapping, and what I call treasure-writing, you have to be clear about what you want. All creation starts with clarity of outcome.

Some people are reluctant to get really clear because they feel they are limiting their possibilities by asking for a specific outcome. Don't worry about that. If you're like most people, I'd be willing to bet that specificity is not the challenge here. If there is an area of your life that is lacking, the reason you are not getting what you want is because you are not being specific enough!

You see, many people are entirely too vague in their desires. They want “a lot” of money, or a “nice” partner, or a “good” job, but don't get specific enough to really be happy. Imagine walking up to an airline ticket counter like this:

“Ticket, please.”

“Where do you want to go, sir?”

“Oh, it doesn't matter. Somewhere nice. You decide.”

At the same time, many people go the opposite direction and focus more on what they don't want rather than what they do want.

Or, imagine what a frustrating and fruitless time you'd have if someone gave you a supermarket shopping list of, say, 50 things they didn't want. That only leaves 10,000 other items to choose from, and absolutely no idea of what to actually bring home.

Getting clear on what you want is the first step in getting anything that even closely resembles what you believe would make you happy. Getting clear on what you want tunes your mind and thoughts and actions and expectations to the right frequency to attract that which is in harmony with you. Getting clear on what you want saves you the time and trouble of sorting through the “also-rans” and “runners-up.” Getting clear on what you want helps you to maintain your standards so you don't settle for what you don't want. There's an abundance of what you seek just waiting for you. There's no need to settle, provided you can convince yourself you

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to help translate our words.

The planners of the Capsule left this final message: “To the people of the future we leave this legacy. Each age considers itself the pinnacle and final triumph above all the eras that have gone before. In our time many believe that the human race has reached the ultimate in material and social development, others, that humanity shall march onward to achievements splendid beyond the imagination of this day, to new worlds of human wealth, power, life and happiness. We chose, with the latter, to believe that men will solve the problems of the world, that the human race will triumph over its limitations and its adversities, that the future will be glorious.”

Presently the site is identified by a concrete marker at Flushing Meadows, New York. Whether it will remain until 6939 is believed to be highly unlikely.

*To be continued.*

## THE SAIPANPRENEUR PROJECT

*Creating economic success for the CNMI*

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deserve what you seek.

### Your assignments for today

1. Create a written treasure map for your any aspect of your life.

To “treasure-write” your passion-centered business and lifestyle, for example, answer the following questions in the form of a descriptive paragraph. *What sort of product or service are you offering? Where exactly is your business located? Where are you living? Describe in detail what you do from the moment you rise to the moment you go to sleep. How much money are you making monthly? How many employees—if any—do you have? What sort of feedback are you getting from the world? What are people saying about you and your business?*

Your written treasure map might go like this: “In my ideal scene, I am in business for myself selling my crafts via the Internet. I work from my home overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It is a canary-yellow, two-story townhouse with....yadda, yadda, yadda....” Be as specific and detailed as possible.

To treasure-write your ideal partner(s), as another example, consider the following: *What does he look like? How tall/short is she? Describe her personality. What things do you like about him? How do you feel when she's around? What age, nationality, religion, etc. are important to you? What activities do the two (or three) of you like to do together?*

2. Create a visual treasure-map.

Find, cut, copy and paste together a collage of scenes of people, places and things that represent the accomplishments and experiences of your ideal life. Post it on your wall above your office desk or anywhere in your home where you'll see it regularly. Create one for your computer screensaver/wallpaper using scanned images or photos from the Internet.

### Conclusion

The ability to pursue your passion, live true to yourself, create the life of your dreams and set an example for others to follow hinges on the ability to be clear on what you want, to hold that vision in your mind and in your mind's eye, to live constantly in the feeling of the dream and to take steps every day toward the desired reality.

Yes, creating your ideal life is doable. Thoughts can become things. Words can create worlds. Dreams can come true. Fantasies can become real. Drawings can come to life. Trust me, it's so easy, even a child could do it!

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## YOUR

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ers to change our environment is what separates us from other life forms. French philosopher Rene Descartes, and a contemporary of Galileo, declared: “I think, therefore I am.” Our thoughts not only matter, but it is our thoughts that create matter because it focuses the force of energy that has the capacity to manifest reality. This can all be summarized in the statement: “You are what you think about most of the time,” or “As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”






Everything starts with an idea, and your thoughts have the capacity to initiate and change the events and circumstances in your life. No matter the situation you currently find yourself, the secret to proactive change lies in controlling your thoughts. Focused thought is the most powerful force in the universe, and you can change from a debilitating direction by redirecting your thoughts in a more empowering manner. Great leaders have the ability to create resonant energy within their sphere of influence by directing other's thoughts toward a vision of possibility. In fact, if you don't think it and intensely believe it, it will never get done. Your outer world is truly a reflection of your inner world.



Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Partly sunny, showers around. East winds 13 to 17 mph.	Breezy with occasional rain	A couple of showers	Some sun with spotty showers	Mostly cloudy, a little rain
▲85° ▼76°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼77°	▲86° ▼76°	▲85° ▼77°

### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	▲88 ▼78
Palau	Partly Sunny	▲87 ▼78
Yap	Mostly Cloudy	▲87 ▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼76
Pohnpei	Rain	▲87 ▼74
Kosrae	Rain	▲90 ▼78
Majuro	Rain	▲87 ▼77

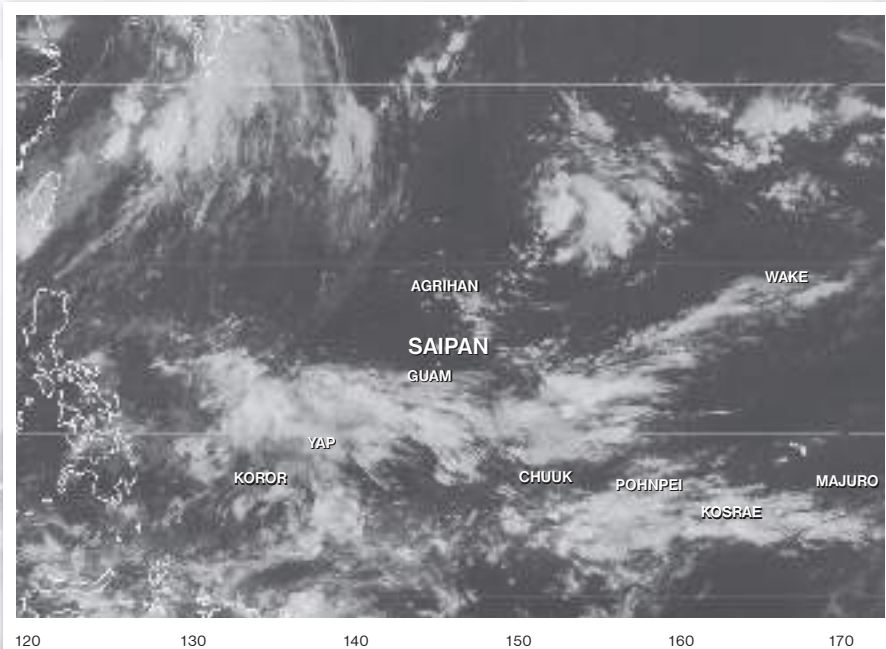
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲58 ▼47
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲102 ▼79
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼76
Honolulu	Sunny	▲86 ▼75
London	Mostly Sunny	▲74 ▼59
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲74 ▼63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲60 ▼53
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲92 ▼81
New York	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼68
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲91 ▼76
Paris	Sunny	▲79 ▼56
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼76
Rome	Sunny	▲85 ▼65
Salem	Sunny	▲85 ▼55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲59 ▼52
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼76
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼79
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼72

### Tides

Saipan Harbor				
3:53 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet	
8:53 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
3:50 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.0 Feet	
10:20 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010

Western North Pacific between Equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level trough extends from 13N131E northeastward through an upper low centered south of Minami Tori Shima at 20N155E then continues to another low at 24N164E to beyond 25N169E. Low-level convergence enhanced by upper-level divergence south-east of the trough axis is generating scattered showers over Yap and south of Guam within 200 miles of a line from 12N130E to 11N157E, and south of Yap between 4N and 6N from 138E to 141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are also occurring over Minami Tori Shima between 21N and 25N from 152E to 158E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms south of Chuuk, over Pohnpei and south of Kosrae, Kwajalein and Majuro within 175 miles of a line from 5N150E to 5N173E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Friday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Saturday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Monday	6:00 AM	6:47 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Thursday	8:43 PM	8:14 AM
Friday	9:17 PM	9:00 AM
Saturday	9:52 PM	9:46 AM
Sunday	10:29 PM	10:33 AM
Monday	11:09 PM	11:22 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM				GUAM-ROTA (ROP)			
C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5	C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily	DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA				NAGOYA-SAIPAN			
DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily	DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BEIJING				BEIJING-SAIPAN			
CA988	3:15am	6:55am	1, 5	CA987	6:40pm	1:55am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	Daily
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX	OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	Daily	OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL630/641	6:30am	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/703	3:30pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG				HONG KONG-SAIPAN			
OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN	OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ606/723	3:30pm	10:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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# Business

## Ho to replace Landon as BoH chair and CEO

**h** **H O N O - L U L U , H a w a i i**—Bank of Hawaii Corporation's Board of Directors announced that Peter S. Ho, president and chief banking officer, has been elected to serve as chairman, president and CEO following the retirement of Allan R. Landon, 62, on July 30, 2010. Landon had announced his intention to retire this year at the company's quarterly earnings conference call on April 19, 2010.

Ho, 45, and a native of Honolulu, Hawaii, began his banking career in New York City and joined Bank of Hawaii in 1993. In 1999, he was promoted to senior vice president in charge of corporate banking. In 2001, he was promoted to executive vice president responsible for corporate banking and commercial real estate lending. Two years later he was promoted to group executive vice president in charge of the bank's

Hawaii Commercial Banking Group and became a member of the bank's Managing Committee. In 2004, he was promoted to vice chairman responsible for the bank's Investment Services Group and in 2006 added the title of chief banking officer. He was promoted to president in 2008.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in business administration and MBA from the University of Southern California.

Ho is chairman of the APEC 2011 Hawaii Host Committee. He also serves on the boards of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Red Cross and University of Hawaii-Ahahui Koa Anuenue and on the board of trustees of McNerny Foundation and Strong Foundation. He was a 1998 Pacific Century Fellow and was named 2003

Pacific Business News Young Business Person of the Year.

Landon, who joined the bank in 2000 as executive vice president for Risk Management, subsequently served as chief financial officer and chief operating officer and became chairman and CEO on Sept. 1, 2004.

Under Landon's leadership, Bank of Hawaii delivered solid results and received multiple accolades for its financial performance, including being named in December 2009 by *Forbes Magazine* as "America's Best Bank."

"We are proud that Peter is going to lead Bank of Hawaii," said Landon. "He will do a great job. Peter has everything the bank is looking for in a leader. He has solid banking experience, is committed to our community and is a respected leader.



Ho

## BP hopes to turn page with new CEO, leaner company

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)**—Battered BP began reinventing itself in the shadow of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill Tuesday, naming its first American CEO as it reported a record \$17 billion quarterly loss. Its outgoing chief miffed the White House anew with his parting comments.

Robert Dudley, who will replace Tony Hayward on Oct. 1, promised changes in light of the environmental disaster. "There's no question we are going to learn things from this investigation of the incident," he told reporters by phone from London after the announcement was made.

One certain change is that BP will become smaller. It announced it will sell \$30 billion in assets and has set aside \$32.2 billion to cover costs from the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

Dudley, BP's managing director and current point man on oil spill recovery, defended his company's record and that of the embattled chief executive he will replace.



In this June 23, 2010 file photo, Dr. Robert MacLean, senior veterinarian of the Audubon Nature Institute, left, and Michele Kelley, the institute's stranding coordinator, right, handle a sea turtle to show Bob Dudley, CEO of BP, during a tour of the Audubon Nature Institute's turtle rehabilitation center in New Orleans.

Hayward, whose verbal miscues intensified the anger Gulf Coast residents already felt, will leave BP with benefits valued at more than \$18 million. He told reporters he had been "demonized and vilified" but had no major regrets about his leadership.

"Life isn't fair," he said, but he conceded that wasn't the point. "BP cannot move on in

the U.S. with me as its leader."

The White House was not impressed with Hayward's comments.

"What's not fair is what's happened on the Gulf," press secretary Robert Gibbs said. "What's not fair is the actions of some have caused the greatest environmental disaster that our country has ever seen."

BP PLC announced the

We have a great management team in place and it's time for the next generation."

Landon continued, "On a personal note, I want to thank our directors and employees for the opportunity to lead Bank of Hawaii. I have enjoyed Hawaii immensely and have the highest regard and aloha for everyone here. It has been a pleasure."

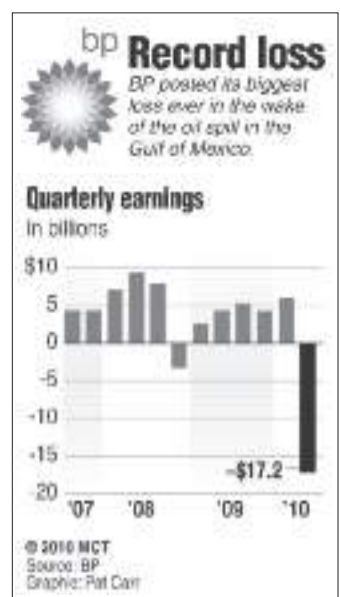
Ho said, "I've been fortunate to work with Al for the past decade, and directly for him for more than six years. 'Perform well and repeat regularly' is a term Al coined early in his term as CEO. As part of his leadership team, I know we have tried our best to live up to that. Moving forward, our customers can expect our continued focus on service, convenience and innovation."

Mary Bitterman, lead independent director, said, "The board of directors takes great pride in Peter Ho's promotion

to chairman and CEO. Peter has been a key executive at the bank since his return home to Hawaii in 1993, and he has benefited greatly from the excellent mentorship that Al Landon has provided him."

Bitterman continued, "Board members are eager to work closely with him to further the bank's commitment to value creation for our shareholders, service to our community, and opportunity for our employees. Peter is an outstanding leader and a perfect 21st century leader for Bank of Hawaii."

She said, "Al's strategic approach and steady hand have served the bank well. His tenure has been marked with high performance, unquestioned integrity and outstanding service to shareholders, customers, employees and community alike. We wish him and his wife Sue every happiness in the years ahead." (BoH)



move Tuesday with an air of making a fresh start, nearly 100 days into a catastrophic mile-deep blowout that killed 11 workers, spewed 94 million to 184 million gallons of oil and sapped 35 percent, or \$60 billion, of BP's market value.

"We are taking a hard look at ourselves, what we do and how we do it," BP Chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg said

during a webcast presentation on the company's earnings. Svanberg said the company's priority was to stop the Gulf leak permanently, clean up the spill and compensate people whose livelihoods have been lost. But he added that the company was determined to restore value to shareholders, whose dividends were axed by BP under U.S. political pressure.

Company shares dropped 65 cents, or about 1.7 percent, to close at \$38 in Tuesday trading in New York.

BP said it would become a leaner, higher-quality business through its planned sale of \$30 billion in assets. The company has already made a start with the \$7 billion sale of gas assets in the United States, Canada and Egypt to Apache Corp.

Svanberg said the planned asset sales did not necessarily reflect a fear that spill costs could soar above the \$32.2 billion set aside by the company.

Analysts were disappointed that BP intended to sell so many assets.

**STOCK Portfolio**

**ASIAN MARKETS**

**AUSTRALIA**  
4,541.90  
Up 28.00  
(0.62%)

**HONG KONG**  
21,082.05  
Up 108.66  
(0.52%)

**JAKARTA**  
3,049.44  
Up 7.77  
(0.26%)

**TOKYO**  
9,752.55  
Up 255.70  
(2.69%)

**K. LUMPUR**  
1,354.08  
Up 1.85  
(0.14%)

**MANILA**  
3,451.91  
Up 15.32  
(0.45%)

**SINGAPORE**  
2,981.47  
Up 2.09  
(0.07%)

**SEOUL**  
1,772.05  
Up 3.74  
(0.21%)

**BANGKOK**  
854.01  
Up 0.33  
(0.04%)

**LEADING INDICATORS**

**DOW**  
10,537.69  
12.26

**NASDAQ**  
2,288.25  
-8.18

**S&P**  
1,113.84  
-1.17

**MONEY MARKET**

Australian Dollar	1.1079
British Pound	0.6455
Canadian Dollar	1.0304
Chinese Renminbi	6.7782
Euro	0.7697
Hong Kong Dollar	7.7689
Indian Rupee	46.7830
Indonesian Rupiah	9,013.7500
Japanese Yen	87.1160
Malaysian Ringgit	3.1910
New Zealand Dollar	1.3602
Philippine Peso	45.9650
Singapore Dollar	1.3632
South Korean Won	1,181.4250
Swiss Franc	1.0538
Taiwan Dollar	32.0250
Thailand Baht	32.2050

In U.S. dollar terms  
Source: Associated Press

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### GE pays \$23M to settle Iraq kickback charges

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—General Electric Co. will pay \$23.4 million to settle federal charges that some of its subsidiaries paid illegal kickbacks to the Iraqi government in order to win contracts under a U.N. program. The Securities and Exchange Commission said in a civil complaint filed Tuesday in federal court that GE subsidiaries gave cash, computers, medical supplies

and other goods worth \$3.6 million to the Iraqi health and oil ministries from 2000 to 2003. The SEC alleged the kickbacks were in return for contracts to supply medical and water purification equipment under the United Nations' oil-for-food program, which provided humanitarian aid to prewar Iraq. Cheryl Scarborough, head of the SEC's Foreign Corrupt Practices Act unit, said GE "failed to maintain adequate internal controls to detect and prevent these il-

licit payments."

#### Target Corp. defends Minn. political donation

**ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)**—Target Corp. on Tuesday defended the use of its new freedom to spend money on political campaigns as employees and gay organizations criticized a \$150,000 donation that will help a Minnesota GOP gubernatorial candidate who opposes gay marriage. Chief Executive Officer Gregg Steinhafel assured employees

at the company's Minneapolis headquarters in an e-mail that the discount retailer's support of the gay community is "unwavering." He said employees, some gay, raised concerns that the money is helping state Rep. Tom Emmer, a fiery conservative who is his party's likely nominee for governor. Target's headache illustrates the potential risks for businesses that seek to take advantage of a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that threw out parts of a 63-year-old law that prohibited campaign donations from com-

pany funds. The ruling changed regulations in about half the states, but the Target donation in Minnesota is among the first major new corporate moves to come to light. Target's money went to MN Forward, a group staffed by former insiders from outgoing Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty's administration. MN Forward is running TV ads supporting Emmer. Steinhafel's e-mail said Target's political donations are intended to support business objectives such as job creation and economic growth.



# Nation

## Police, activists prepare days ahead of Ariz. law

**PHOENIX (AP)**—The sheriff of Arizona's most populous county is making room in a vast outdoor jail and determined to round up illegal immigrants to fill it. Police from the U.S.-Mexico border to the Grand Canyon are getting last-minute training. And protests and marches are planned throughout Phoenix.

Arizona's new immigration law takes effect Thursday, creating a potentially volatile mix of police, illegal immigrants and thousands of activists, many planning to show up without identification as a show of solidarity.

At least one group plans to block access to federal offices, daring officers to ask them their immigration status.

"Our message for that day is: 'Don't comply, don't buy,'" said activist Liz Hourican, whose group, CodePink, plans to block the driveway for immigration offices in downtown Phoenix.

As both sides prepare, a federal judge is deciding whether to step in and block the law.

It requires officers enforcing other laws to check a person's immigration status if they suspect the person is in the country illegally. It also bans illegal immigrants from soliciting work in a public place.

Police across the state scrambled on Tuesday to train officers, including on how to avoid racial profiling, and plan for a potential influx of detainees.

The hardest-line approach is expected in the Phoenix area, where Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio plans his 17th crime and immigration sweep. He plans to hold the sweep, regardless of any ruling by U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton.

Arpaio, known for his tough stance against illegal immigration, plans to send about 200 deputies and volunteers out, looking for traffic violators, people wanted on criminal warrants and others. He's used that tactic before to arrest dozens of people, many of them illegal immigrants.



A Border Patrol agent inspects a vehicle passing through a checkpoint in Amado, Ariz., about 30 miles from the border with Mexico on Tuesday, July 27, 2010.

"We don't wait. We just do it," he said. "If there's a new law out, we're going to enforce it." He said that the space he

made in the complex of military surplus tents can handle 100 people, and that he will find room for more if necessary.

Elsewhere in the state, police officials said they didn't expect any dramatic events. They were busy wrapping up training ses-

sions this week, with some agencies saying that untrained officers will not be allowed on the streets.

Many of the state's 15,000 police officers have been watching a DVD released this month that signs that might indicate a person is an illegal immigrant are speaking poor English, looking nervous or traveling in an overcrowded vehicle. It warned that race and ethnicity do not.

Some agencies added extra materials, including a test, a role-playing exercise or a question-and-answer session with prosecutors.

Critics of the law among police chiefs remain, saying that the law is so vague that no amount of training could eliminate potential confusion.

"Am I going to sit here and say I think every officer has a clear understanding of the law when they leave the training?" Tucson Police Chief Roberto Villasenor said. "No, because I think the law is poorly constructed."

## Texas man sentenced to 99 years in starvation case

### Neb. city council votes to delay immigration law

**FREMONT, Neb. (AP)**—A voter-approved ban on hiring and renting property to illegal immigrants was suspended late Tuesday by the Fremont City Council, less than two days before it was set to take effect in the small Nebraska city.

Council members voted 8-0 to delay an ordinance that is being challenged by two federal lawsuits, saying the move will save the city money in legal costs. About 100 people attended the meeting, and some told council members that the ordinance has already led to divisiveness.

"This law is not yet in effect, but it is increasing conflict and discrimination," Lesley Velez, 20, of Fremont said.

Terry Flanagan, a Fremont resident who supports the ban, said the council shouldn't second guess voters: "The citizens of Fremont have spoken. We should not delay this," he said.

The council narrowly rejected the ban in 2008, prompting supporters to gather enough signatures for the ballot measure. Voters approved the ban last month and it was scheduled to take effect Thursday.

The council also unanimously decided to hire Kansas-based attorney and law professor Kris Kobach, who drafted the ordinance and offered to represent Fremont for free to fight the lawsuits. Kobach also helped write Arizona's new controversial immigration law.

**DALLAS (AP)**—A Dallas man convicted of starving three children locked in a hotel bathroom for nearly a year was sentenced to 99 years in prison Tuesday after jurors heard testimony that one child was suicidal and another preferred urinating in his hospital bed to entering a restroom.

The youngest victim, a 6-year-old boy whose head barely peeked over the witness stand, told jurors he liked the hospital where he was taken after being rescued from the squalid hotel along a busy Dallas highway in July 2009.

"I got to eat," he said.

The jury sentenced Alfred Santiago, 38, hours after they convicted him of injury to a child and continuous sexual abuse. Prosecutors had asked for a life sentence. Santiago's attorney had asked for 25 years, the minimum allowed under the sex abuse conviction.

Santiago also was fined \$20,000.



This July 20, 2009 file photo provided by the Dallas County Sheriff's Office shows Alfred Santiago, accused of locking his girlfriend's children in a hotel bathroom and starving them for up to nine months. Santiago's trial began in Dallas Wednesday July 21, 2010.

After the sentencing, Santiago told the judge he would appeal. "God knows I am not guilty of these charges," he said.

The children were emaci-

ated when they were found last summer. Their ribs and spines showed through flaky skin, and the oldest child, an 11-year-old girl, told authorities she had been repeatedly sexually assaulted.

Several witnesses compared their appearance to Holocaust survivors. The youngest boy, then 5, weighed less than 30 pounds—about the weight of a healthy 2-year-old. Pictures of the wasted children were pinned to the courtroom wall above the witness stand throughout the trial.

During the sentencing hearing, the boy described Santiago beating him with broomsticks and belts. Nervous on the stand, the child frequently pulled the neck of his navy T-shirt over his mouth.

Jurors also heard from the children's therapist, who said the oldest boy has been hospitalized three times for being suicidal. His testimony earlier in the trial was so stressful he vomited afterward.

## Rangel, ethics panel lawyers talking settlement

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—New York Democrat Charles Rangel made a last-minute effort Tuesday to settle his ethics case and prevent a House trial that could embarrass him and damage the Democratic Party.

The talks between Rangel's lawyer and the House ethics committee's nonpartisan attorneys were confirmed by ethics Chairman Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif. Lofgren said she is not involved in the talks, and added that the committee's lawmakers have always accepted the pro-

fessional staff's recommendations in previous plea bargains.

Rangel, a 40-year House veteran who is 80 years old, would have to admit to multiple, substantial ethics violations for any plea bargain to be accepted. Earlier negotiations broke down when Rangel would only admit to some allegations—not enough to satisfy the committee lawyers, according to people familiar with those talks who were not authorized to be quoted by name.

If the talks are not successful, trial proceedings for the Har-



Rangel

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### 3 NJ teens charged with videotaped immigrant death

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP)**—Dusk fell around Salvadoran immigrant Abelino Mazanigo as he sat on a bench on a promenade in an upscale New York suburb after finishing up his restaurant shift. As night encroached, so did a group of teenagers, including one with a cell phone videocamera at the ready. Then, authorities say, they beat him unconscious, with the camera rolling. Days later, the 47-year-old father of four was dead—but not before the video had been circulated among teenagers in Summit, N.J., authorities say. And not before a nurse in the emergency room where he was taken the night of July 17 was accused of pilfering several hundred dollars from his wallet. The attacks on Mazanigo's body and dignity resulted in days of escalating court actions that culminated Tuesday in murder charges against three young men, ages 17, 18 and 19. A fourth teenager believed to have videotaped the attack hasn't been charged, but authorities weren't divulging details on the teen's involvement or potential culpability.

#### Mom charged with DWI after girl calls 911 from car

**SOUTHEAST, N.Y. (AP)**—A woman has been arrested on drunken driving charges in upstate New York after her 12-year-old daughter called 911 while in the vehicle. State

police say 49-year-old Jamie Hicks of Long Island was driving with her two children near Brewster when she was stopped Sunday night after her daughter called 911 to say her mother was driving drunk. Police say Hicks had a blood-alcohol content of 0.18, more than twice the legal limit. The Islip woman was charged under a new law that makes it a felony to drive drunk with minors in a vehicle. She was arraigned and released on \$2,000 bond. Hicks declined to comment to the Newsday newspaper. She is due back in court on Aug. 17.

#### Finger on posterior triggers knife fight in Dallas

**DALLAS (AP)**—Police said a Dallas woman was threatened with a knife in a fight that allegedly started when a friend rubbed her bottom with a finger. A police report states 22-year-old Laquita Mattox was sitting on her friend's bed in a Dallas apartment Thursday when her friend rubbed her finger on Mattox's buttocks. The police report said Mattox clenched, breaking her friend's bed, angered the unidentified friend and started a fight. Dallas police Sr. Cpl. Kevin Janse said at some point the friend picked up a butcher knife and asked Mattox if she was "ready to die." However, Mattox had no visible injuries when police arrived. Janse said the friend left the apartment but before officers arrived and was being sought.



# Asia

## China floods test massive Three Gorges Dam

**BEIJING (AP)**—Record-high water levels put the capacity of China's massive Three Gorges Dam to the test Wednesday after heavy rains raged on across the country, compounding flooding problems that already have left more than 1,200 people dead or missing.

The dam's water flow reached 56,000 cubic meters per second (1.96 million cubic feet) Wednesday morning, the biggest peak flow this year with the water level reaching 518 feet (158 meters), the official Xinhua News Agency reported, about 10 percent less than the dam's maximum capacity.

Chinese officials for years have boasted the dam could withstand floods so severe they come only once every 10,000 years. The dam is the world's largest hydroelectric project and was also built to end centuries of floods along the Yangtze River basin.

Floods this year have killed at least 823 people, with 437 missing, and have caused tens of billions of dollars in damage, the State Flood Control and

Drought Prevention reported. More heavy rains are expected for the southeast, southwest and northeast parts of the country through Thursday.

Though China experiences heavy rains every summer, flooding this year is the worst in more than a decade, as the flood-prone Yangtze River Basin has seen 15 percent more rains than in an average year, Duan Yihong, director of the National Meteorological Center, said in a transcript of an interview Wednesday posted on the Xinhua website.

"Rains should begin to slow down in August, but it is hard to predict now what exactly will happen, said Duan. "We have to be vigilant and closely monitor the weather... do a better job of forecasting."

Thousands of rescuers in central China's Henan province searched for survivors on Wednesday after a bridge collapsed from heaving flooding in the Yi River over the weekend, killing 37 people with 29 missing, Xinhua reported.



In this photo provided by China's Xinhua News Agency, locals look at the scene of a landslide in Hanyuan County, southwest China's Sichuan Province Tuesday, July 27, 2010.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Malaysian prosecutor axed in Anwar's sodomy trial

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)**—A Malaysian prosecutor who is speculated to have had an affair with the man who accused opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim of sodomy has been removed from Anwar's trial in a twist that lawyers warned Wednesday could undermine the prosecution's integrity. Attorney-General Abdul Gani Patail was reported as saying late Tuesday that deputy public prosecutor Farah Azlina Latif has been removed not because she is guilty of any wrongdoing, but to protect the credibility of the eight-member prosecution team in Anwar's trial. The online Malaysia Today news portal recently reported unsubstantiated allegations of a romantic link between Farah and Saiful Bukhari Azlan, a 23-year-old male former aide whose sodomy accusations against Anwar have been dismissed by the opposition leader as a government plot to thwart his political bloc.

#### Khmer Rouge prison chief to appeal conviction

**PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)**—The Khmer Rouge's chief jailer plans to appeal his conviction by a U.N.-backed war crimes tribunal, which sentenced him to 35 years in prison for overseeing the deaths of up to 16,000 people, the tribunal spokesman said Tuesday. Kaing Guek Eav—also known as Duch—was convicted Monday of war crimes and crimes against humanity. He was the first major Khmer Rouge figure to face trial more than three decades after the regime's brutal rule led to the deaths of 1.7 million people. He will only have to serve 19 years of his sentence after taking into account time already served and other factors. Tribunal spokesman Reach Sambath said that Duch's lawyer, Kar Savuth, has notified the tribunal of his intent to appeal.

#### Afghan govt: Bus hits bomb, killing 25

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)**—Afghan officials say a packed bus has hit a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan, killing 25 passengers and wounding 20. A spokesman for the Nimroz provincial government, Nazir Ahmad, says the packed bus was traveling Wednesday morning on a main highway headed toward the capital of Kabul when it struck the explosive around Delaram—a volatile area near the borders of Helmand and Farah provinces.

#### Report: Explosion at China factory injures 100

**BEIJING (AP)**—State media says an explosion at a factory in eastern China has injured about 100 people. The official Xinhua News Agency says the Wednesday morning blast occurred at a plastics factory in downtown Nanjing city in eastern Jiangsu province. Nearly 100 people were injured and rushed to the hospital, Xinhua said, citing witnesses and hospital sources. No other details were immediately available.

## Clinton comments, Korea drills roil US-China ties

**TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP)**—U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's thinly veiled criticism of Chinese territorial claims in the South China Sea has angered Beijing's leadership and quietly pleased Asian countries concerned about China's expanding military power.

Clinton spoke less than 48 hours before American and South Korean warships started high-profile military exercises in the Sea of Japan and the Yellow Sea, and the criticism is raising fears that long-dormant tensions between China and the U.S. could spike.

That would have worrying consequences for global stability, which benefits greatly from coordination between Beijing and Washington on issues like nuclear proliferation and financial stability.

Speaking Friday at an Asian security forum in Hanoi, Clinton called on China to resolve its offshore territorial disputes

with Vietnam, the Philippines, Malaysia and other regional parties through international consultations. China favors a bilateral approach because it feels that would give it more control of the outcome. Low-key attempts to resolve the disputes have gone on for years but achieved little.

The Foreign Ministry in Beijing angrily characterized the Clinton comment as "an attack" and quoted Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi as saying that it would only make "things worse and more difficult to resolve."

International relations specialist Arthur Waldron of the University of Pennsylvania said that behind the Chinese statements are Beijing's long-standing efforts to assert sovereignty over 1,423,000 square miles (3,685,570 square kilometers) of South China Sea

territory, giving it control over potentially rich oil and gas deposits and strategically important shipping lanes.

"At some point actions, in this case Chinese, force reactions,"

Waldron wrote in an e-mail. "(The U.S. has) allies in the region for whom suddenly being washed or surrounded by Chinese territorial waters would come as a shock. So (the U.S. has) the unattractive choice of doing something, or doing nothing and losing (its) allies and (its) reputation."

China's South China Sea stance reflects its burgeoning military power. The People's Liberation Army's naval forces have been the biggest beneficiaries of a buildup that is reaching critical mass, funded by annual double-digit increases in the defense budget for almost every year of the past two decades.



Clinton

### Japan hangs 2 on death row; 1st executions in year

**TOKYO (AP)**—Japan hanged two convicted killers Wednesday, including a man who burned six women to death, in the country's first executions in a year, the government said.

The justice ministry said Kazuo Shinozawa, 59, was hanged at the Tokyo Detention Center. Shinozawa set fire on a jewelry shop in 2000, burning six women to death.

The second death row inmate, Hidenori Ogata, 33, also was hanged at the Tokyo Detention Center. He strangled a woman and stabbed a man to death in 2003.

Justice Minister Keiko Chiba witnessed the double executions, the ministry said.

Japan's media are not allowed to cover executions. But following Wednesday's executions, Chiba said that should change.

Criminals can be left on death row for years in Japan, and executions—all carried out by hanging—are highly secretive. Inmates do not know when they will be executed, while lawyers and family are only told after the fact.

Japan, along with the United States, is one of the few industrialized countries that still has capital punishment. Japan has 107 death row inmates, the ministry said.

## US braces for blowback over Afghan war disclosures

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Operatives inside Afghanistan and Pakistan who have worked for the U.S. against the Taliban or al-Qaida may be at risk following the disclosure of thousands of once-secret U.S. military documents, former and current officials said.

As the Obama administration scrambles to repair any political damage to the war effort in Congress and among the American public by the WikiLeaks revelations, there are also growing concerns that some U.S. allies abroad may ask whether they

can trust America to keep secrets, officials said.

Speaking in the Rose Garden Tuesday, President Barack Obama said he was concerned about the massive leak of sensitive documents about the Afghanistan war, but that the papers did not reveal any concerns that were not already part of the debate.

In his first public comments on the matter, Obama said the disclosure of classified information from the battlefield "could potentially jeopardize individuals or operations."

The president spoke in the Rose Garden following a meeting with House and Senate leaders of both parties.

In Baghdad, Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters he was "appalled" by the leak. He said "there is a real potential threat there to put American lives at risk."

The Army is leading the Pentagon's inquiry into the source of the leak. A federal law enforcement official said the Justice Department is assisting in the probe.



## World

## France declares war against al-Qaida

**PARIS (AP)**—France has declared war on al-Qaida, and matched its fighting words with a first attack on a base camp of the terror network's North African branch, after the terror network killed a French aid worker it took hostage in April.

The declaration and attack marked a shift in strategy for France, usually discreet about its behind-the-scenes battle against terrorism.

"We are at war with al-Qaida," Prime Minister Francois Fillon said Tuesday, a day after President Nicolas Sarkozy announced the death of 78-year-old hostage Michel Germaneau.

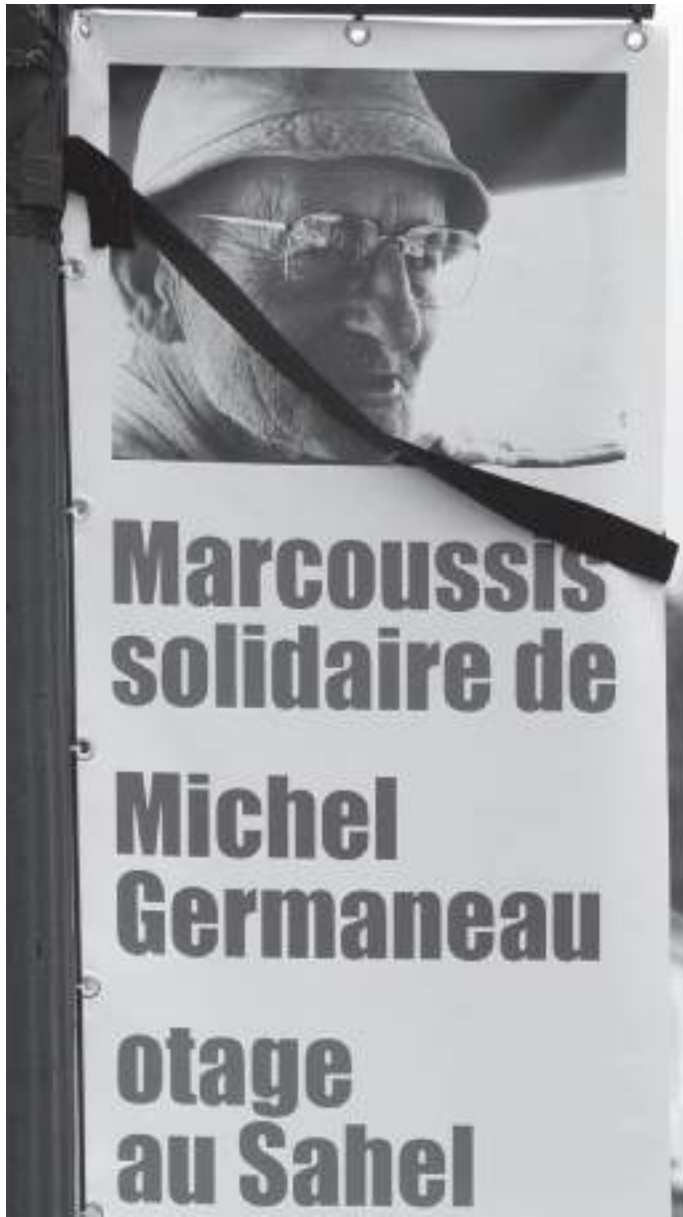
The humanitarian worker had been abducted April 20 or 22 in Niger by al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, and was later taken to Mali, officials said.

The killers will "not go unpunished," Sarkozy said in unusually strong language, given France's habit of employing quiet cooperation with its regional allies—Mauritania, Mali, Niger and Algeria—in which the al-Qaida franchise was spawned amid an Islamist insurgency.

The Salafist Group for Call and Combat formally merged with al-Qaida in 2006 and spread through the Sahel region—parts of Mauritania, Mali and Niger.

Officials suggest France will activate accords with these countries to stop the terrorists in their tracks.

"It's a universal threat that concerns the entire world ...



A poster with a picture of the late French hostage Michel Germaneau is displayed with a black mourning ribbon attached in front the City Hall of Marcoussis south of Paris, showing French aid group Enmil member, Michel Germaneau, in 2007.

not just France or the West," Defense Minister Herve Morin said Tuesday on France-2 television. "We will support local authorities so these assassins and (their) commanders are tracked, judged and taken before justice and punished. And, yes, we will help them."

Algeria, Mauritania, Mali and Niger in April opened a joint military headquarters deep in the desert to respond to threats from traffickers and the al-Qaida offshoot. U.S. Special Forces have helped the four nations train troops in recent years.

The United States said it would help the French "in any way that we can" to bring those who killed Germaneau to justice, according to U.S. State Dept. spokesman P.J. Crowley.

"There is no religion that sanctions what can only be described as cold-blooded murder," Crowley said Tuesday.

Fillon refused to say how France would act. "But we will," he said in an interview with Europe 1 radio.

And perhaps it already has. On Thursday, the French backed Mauritanian forces in attacking an al-Qaida camp on the border with Mali, killing at least six suspected terrorists. It is the first time France is known to have attacked an al-Qaida base.

France said it was a last-ditch effort to save its citizen, while Mauritania said it was trying to stop an imminent attack by fighters gathering at the base.

## Dutch sailor, 14, gets OK for solo world trip

**MIDDELBURG, Netherlands (AP)**—The new cushions, sunshade and bright red sail are in place. And now 14-year-old Laura Dekker has the go-ahead she needs.

A Dutch court ruled Tuesday the girl who was born on a yacht in the South Pacific is ready to embark on her dream of becoming the youngest person to sail solo around the world—meaning she could set sail in two weeks in a ketch named Guppy.

"I was so happy I almost jumped into the water," the teen gushed, after hearing the court's decision.

She then hopped onto her red-hulled, twin-mast yacht with a cartoon fish painted on the side and did a celebratory circle for the assembled media in the still waters of the harbor where she lives with her father on a boat.

The past year of legal wrangling and criticism of Laura and her family have been far from such clear sailing—and she faces more stormy waters when she sets off on her odyssey in her 38-foot (11.5-meter)

yacht. The dramatic rescue just last month of American teen Abby Sunderland in the Indian Ocean is a reminder of the perils she will face.

"I'm not really afraid, everything is really prepared on my boat," the young Dutch sailor said of the prospect of encountering everything from towering waves to Somali pirates.

Answering questions in Dutch and English with a confidence belying her age, only rarely did Laura's youthful exuberance break through at a brief news conference—like when she looked back on the stress of the last year.

"Now it's all over and, yeah, it's really cool," she said.

The risks the teen faces ignited a worldwide debate on how far parents should go in supporting or encouraging their children's improbable dreams.

When Dutch child protection agencies got wind last year of the then 13-year-old's plan they immediately went to court and had Laura placed under a guardianship order that meant she could not set sail.

## Russian pilot missing in Darfur copter incident

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**—A Russian-owned helicopter that landed in the wrong place in Darfur has been recovered with all the passengers and crew except the Russian pilot, the top international envoy in the volatile Sudanese region said Tuesday.

Ibrahim Gambari, the joint representative of the United Nations and African Union, said peacekeepers from the U.N.-AU force in Darfur are working with the Sudanese government and rebel movements to locate the missing pilot and "see to his release."

The helicopter, which was assigned to the U.N.-AU force, disappeared Monday while transporting three members of the rebel Liberation Justice

Movement from peace negotiations with the government in Doha, Qatar, to locations in South Darfur, Gambari said. He spoke with reporters after briefing the U.N. Security Council in New York.

Early Tuesday, Gambari said, the peacekeeping force, known as UNAMID, made contact with three of the four crew on the helicopter and an international staff member.

They reported that they were at a Sudanese government location south of Menawashi in South Darfur, he said.

Gambari said a UNAMID helicopter went to the site with another pilot who flew the helicopter, the crew and passengers to safety.

## Audit: US cannot account for \$8.7B in Iraqi funds

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—A U.S. audit has found that the Pentagon cannot account for over 95 percent of \$9.1 billion in Iraq reconstruction money, spotlighting Iraqi complaints that there is little to show for the massive funds pumped into their cash-strapped, war-ravaged nation.

The \$8.7 billion in question was Iraqi money managed by the Pentagon, not part of the \$53 billion that Congress has allocated for rebuilding. It's cash that Iraq, which relies on volatile oil revenues to fuel its spending, can ill afford to lose.

"Iraq should take legal action to get back this huge amount of money," said Sabah al-Saedi, chairman of the Parliamentary Integrity Committee. The money "should be spent for rebuilding the country and providing services for this poor nation."

The report by the Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction accused the Defense Department of lax oversight and weak controls, though not fraud.

"The breakdown in controls left the funds vulnerable to inappropriate uses and undetected loss," the audit said.

The Pentagon has repeatedly come under fire for apparent mismanagement of the reconstruction effort—as have Iraqi officials themselves.

Seven years after the U.S.-led invasion, electricity service is spotty, with generation capacity falling far short of demand. Fuel shortages are common and unemployment remains high, a testament to the country's inability to create new jobs or attract foreign investors.

Complaints surfaced from the start of the war in 2003, when soldiers failed to secure banks, ar-

mories and other facilities against looters. Since then the allegations have only multiplied, including investigations of fraud, awarding of contracts without the required government bidding process and allowing contractors to charge exorbitant fees with little oversight, or oversight that came too late.

But the latest report comes at a particularly critical time for Iraq. Four months after inconclusive elections, a new government has yet to be formed, raising fears that insurgents will tap into the political vacuum to stir sectarian unrest.

## WORLD BRIEFS

## Violent nationalist group leader welcomed in PR

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)**—Throngs of supporters greeted a Puerto Rican nationalist leader Tuesday as he returned from nearly 30 years in prison for participating in a group that used violence against U.S. control of the island. Carlos Alberto Torres, 57, pushed through hundreds of people who waved Puerto Rican flags and promised they would keep fighting for the Caribbean territory's independence. Among the supporters

was Torres' stepmother, who received clemency in 1999 while serving a similar sentence for conspiring against the U.S. government.

## Lawyer from anti-Chavez TV faces prosecution

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)**—A lawyer who represents Venezuela's lone television channel that remains critical of President Hugo Chavez has been charged with obstructing justice, prosecutors said Tuesday. Perla Jaimes tried to prevent police from raiding a home

belonging to Guillermo Zuloaga, the president and majority shareholder of the Globovision TV station, the Attorney General's Office alleged in a statement. Jaimes, who could face up to three years in prison if convicted, denied any wrongdoing. "None of the arguments they are using correspond with reality," she said. The May 1 police raid led to criminal charges of usury against Zuloaga, who also owns several car dealerships. Zuloaga has called the charges bogus and contends prosecutors are acting on orders from

Chavez to punish him for Globovision's stinging criticism.

## Nicaragua: Detainees match photos of US suspects

**MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP)**—Two foreigners detained in Nicaragua have been identified as the American couple wanted in Panama in the death of a U.S. woman, and police said Tuesday they would hand the couple over to Panamanian authorities. The pair matched photographs provided by Panamanian

authorities of William Adolfo Cortez of Texas and his wife Jane, who are being sought in the death of Lynn Hughes, Nicaraguan army spokesman Juan Ramon Morales said. "These are the people who are being sought by police in Panama, and they will be handed over to the authorities of that country," National Police official Glenda Zavala said at a news conference. Zavala said police had not yet questioned the couple, who were detained by the Nicaraguan army Monday at the border with Costa Rica.



# Environment

## Getting a head start on a career in marine biology

By VINCE T. CASTRO  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

**M**y name is Vicente T. Castro, I am a sophomore at NMC and in my free time I enjoy playing basketball and hanging around with friends and family. This summer I teamed up with the Enforcement Section for an internship program with Coastal Resources Management Office. My mentor, John D. San Nicolas, an Enforcement Officer, has assigned tasks and projects that will help me better understand the agency's goals. Our duties as Enforcement Officers are to ensure that our coastal areas are clean and safe for the community.

On a weekly basis, we are scheduled to monitor CRM's

APC's (Areas of Particular Concern). The APC's that are monitored on a daily basis are: shorelines, lagoon and reefs, wetlands, and port and industrial areas. Monitoring these areas ensures safe and proper environmental management practices for permitted projects, strict enforcement actions for violation of the CRM regulations and unpermitted activities and to educate the community on why these areas are significant to enforce.

Some examples of violations CRM Officers face include the removal of any coastal vegetation within 150 feet of the mean high water mark, earthmoving or land clearing without a proper consent from regulatory agencies, makeshift boats illegally parked on the shoreline, and "shobai" or soliciting.

Another related task that has been assigned to me during my internship has been the reef flat surveys. Reef flat surveys are required to gather data of different species of corals, algae, and invertebrates. During a reef flat survey, John Starmer, a marine biologist at CRM, sets out four 25-meter lines inside the reef. Every meter along the line, we observe the corals and other species on both the beach side and the reef side of the line. This summer, working with my mentor and other co-workers, I've gained more experience and have become more knowledgeable about CRM.

After this internship finishes up, my plan for the future is to get an AA degree in Liberal Arts at NMC. After achieving that goal, I plan on transferring to a four-year college either in

Guam or Oregon to get a bachelor's degree in marine biology or anything that deals with the ocean. After completing my

goals I plan on returning back home to find a job and to help our island stay preserved for our children's and grandchildren's

future. In conclusion, I am glad that I have worked with CRM and I plan on working with them in the near future.



Vicente T. Castro teams up with the Enforcement Section for an internship program with Coastal Resources Management Office.

## Learning about conservation practices

By THOMAS RABAULIMAN  
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Hafa A dai and tirrow woomi! My name is Thomas Rabauliman. I am 19 years old and I am currently attending Northern Marianas College pursuing an associate degree in Liberal Arts. I am working for the Division of Fish and Wildlife at the Department of Land and

Natural Resources as an Enforcement Officer Intern. My immediate supervisor is Mr. Anthony Mareham, a Conservation Officer II.

This internship program provides me a great opportunity to gain valuable experience and knowledge working in the environmental field as an enforcement/conservation officer. I am exposed to effective manage-

ment practices to protect and conserve our environment and the endangered species in it. I had opportunities to apprehend violators while on land and water patrol exercises. Enforcement officers go after individuals who break the law such as violators who fish in Marine Protected Areas or sanctuaries, remove trochus and clams, or use gillnet fishing without a permit. These are just some of the conservation practices that need to be taken in order to preserve the natural resources for the future generations. These conservation practices allow time for the fish and wildlife to regenerate and multiply so that there will be more for the future.

Indeed this internship opportunity has opened my eyes to a broader sense and appreciation of the endangered species in the Northern Marianas Islands and why we must implement environmental controls in order for the future generations to enjoy.



Thomas Rabauliman is an intern for fish and wildlife enforcement.

## First Friday Films in August

The August First Friday Films will be screening the award winning film *Sharkwater*. The event will be held on the first Friday of August, Aug. 6, at 7pm at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center.

The winner of 31 international awards, *Sharkwater* is a film documenting the exploitation and corruption surrounding the world's shark populations and the effect humans are having on ocean ecosystems by removing

these important predators. Director Rob Stewart explores the culture of fear that has contributed to the mismanagement of these creatures as well as the multi-billion dollar industry that has led many shark species to the brink of extinction. Stewart's journey to explore the last safe havens left for sharks inadvertently pits him against black-market industry leaders and leads him on an adventure that threatens not only the life of many of these species

but also his own.

Please join us for this wonderful documentary as well as a discussion about CNMI shark populations led by officials from the Division of Fish and Wildlife directly following the film. For more information about the film and to see the official trailer, visit <http://www.sharkwater.com/>.

For updates on First Friday Film events and more details including film review and trailers for our films visit <http://firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com/>. (PR)

## Mow without polluting your yard



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When it's time to choose your next mower, "Do Your Part," and select a model that won't add to the air pollution problem near your home, your neighborhood or around the planet.

By TERRI BENNETT  
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It is a weekly chore for many this time of year—mowing the lawn. What you probably don't realize is that your gas-powered mower is also contributing to bad air quality, right there in your own backyard. Until recently, gas-powered lawn mowers were not required to regulate emissions. The good news is that new regulations and a selection of greener alternatives can help you Do Your Part to reduce air pollution so close to home.

Gas powered lawn equipment produces roughly 5 percent of the air pollution generated in America. That's quite a lot for such a little engine and it's close to home! The exhaust sends tiny particles into the air creating conditions that are especially unhealthy for young children or anyone with a respiratory illness or disease. Fumes from the engine also contribute to the formation of ground level ozone and smog, another hazardous

air pollutant for us all. A study conducted at the University of Florida in 2005 found that gas-powered mowers cause as much as 1,500 times more carbon monoxide, 31 times more nitrogen oxides and nearly 20 times more carbon dioxide than mowers powered by electricity. New regulations will go into effect in the next two years that will reduce emissions from newly built models but gas powered mowers aren't your only option.

Electric mowers also generate pollution but at drastically lower levels and not in your backyard. Electric mowers are more expensive than their gas-powered cousins but they are a lot less expensive to operate and maintain. An electric mower will cost you about \$5 a year to operate, which is the cost of electricity to power or charge the mower. If you opt for the more convenient cordless electric mower then you should know that the rechargeable battery contains lead and should never end up in a landfill. Fortunately, there are

many resources available for recycling rechargeable batteries of all shapes and sizes.

For ease of operation, electric wins hands down. It starts with the push of a button and you never need to fill up the gas tank or replace the oil. Most come with a mulching feature and some models have the ability to add on accessories for trimming or edging. The electric mower is lighter than its gas-powered alternative and it's much quieter too! But the biggest benefit is that you'll be inhaling the sweet smell of freshly cut grass instead of pollution-causing gas fumes.

Of course, a human-powered reel mower is the greenest option of all and is a practical solution if you have a small area to mow. Today there are many styles to choose from; some even include an attachment to catch grass clippings.

When it's time to choose your next mower, Do Your Part and select a model that won't add to the air pollution problem near your home, your neighborhood or around the planet.



# Life & Style

Move over, Michael Scott. Steve Carell's character in "Dinner for Schmucks" is even more oblivious than the socially inept manager that the actor plays on NBC's "The Office."

In the comedy, which opens Friday, Carell portrays Barry, an IRS employee and amateur taxidermist who's the hilarious heart of the film.

"It's just a guy trying to make it through and to keep a healthy, positive outlook on things," says Carell. "And it's nice to run into somebody like that, even if they make your life a living hell."

The 47-year-old star of movies and television didn't see the French film "The Dinner Game" that inspired "Dinner for Schmucks" on purpose.

"It was for the same reason that I didn't watch the British 'Office.' I just didn't want that to sort of cloud whatever characterization I was going to attempt," he explains.

Carell delivers an endearing performance as Barry, a well-intentioned man who wreaks havoc on the life of Tim (Paul Rudd), a financial analyst who's hoping to move up the corporate ladder.

Tim is asked to attend the next monthly dinner at his boss's house, only it's not just an ordinary gathering of colleagues. It's a contest to see who can bring the most ridiculous person to the dinner. And Tim, who meets Barry by accident, decides to invite him.

In "The Office" and movies like "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," Carell excels at playing offbeat characters who are lovable and have a sensitive side. He's able to see that there's a lot more to the roles than just the goofiness.

Barry may be irritating, but he's essentially a good guy, according to Carell.

"I think he is oblivious to a certain extent because of his own heartache and pain. And I think who he is is very much defined by what has happened to him. I think he's somebody that has always been a very trusting, good, positive person. And in being that way, he's certainly been injured emotionally many, many times," he says in a recent phone interview.

Talking about Barry, he recalls covering a convention of Klingon speakers when he was a correspondent for "The Daily Show."



Steve Carell plays Barry in the comedy, "Dinner for Schmucks," from Paramount Pictures/DreamWorks Pictures/Spyglass Entertainment.

## Steve Carell isn't really a 'Schmuck'

By JULIE HINDS  
DETROIT FREE PRESS

"Of course, you have all these predetermined attitudes of what these people are going to be like. And they turned out to be just the sweetest group of people who like to get together and talk Klingon. There was nothing even weird about it. They were just having fun."

Barry's hobby isn't inspired by "Star Trek," but it's equally unusual—and oddly charming. He makes elaborate dioramas where dead mice are dressed as people.

"Boy, would I love to keep one

of those dioramas," says Carell. "I think they're being used for promotion right now, but I hope at some point I get to have one of the mouse dioramas—the mousetrap pieces—for myself."

"Dinner for Schmucks" is directed by Jay Roach, who helmed "Meet the Parents," and boasts co-stars like Jemaine Clement (HBO's "Flight of the Conchords"), Zach Galifianakis ("The Hangover") and David Walliams (HBO's "Little Britain").

Carell says it was fun to work

with those actors and his friend Rudd, who previously starred with him in "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" and "The 40-Year-Old Virgin."

"He and I have kind of parallel lives right now," says Carell of Rudd. "We both have two little kids. And we've both been married for a number of years. And I think he has a very similar work ethic ... I think the things we find funny are very similar as well."

Although Carell has become a box-office star—this year, he's also starred in "Date Night" with Tina Fey and "Despicable Me," for which he did voice work—he didn't envision this sort of success when he was starting his career.

"I moved to Chicago after college in the hopes of just getting some experience and I really had no designs on being discovered or anything beyond a potential paycheck," says Carell, who's originally from Massachusetts.

He worked at Chicago's Second City, the famous comedy troupe. And he's still an ensemble actor at heart.

"With 'The Office,' with this ('Dinner for Schmucks'), I feel most comfortable as a member of an ensemble," he says.

There's been a lot of buzz about what will happen over at "The Office" now that Carell plans to leave the show at the end of the next season.

Asked about the flurry of media attention, he says, "It's good that there's that much interest in the show and that after six seasons, people still care. I think that's a nice sign. Whatever the speculations are, I'm sure the show will continue on and be incredibly strong."

But he doesn't want to play the who'll-replace-Michael-Scott game.

"I don't know what the plan is. I don't think I even want to weigh in. I think I want them to decide where it goes from there. I think there are better people than I to decide the future of the show."

This could be the year that Carell gets an Emmy for his acting on "The Office." He's competing again as best actor in a comedy series.

"It's really wonderful to be nominated and the fact that I've been nominated a few times is a real feather in my cap, I think," he says.

"So I don't harbor any great aspirations to actually win. But it's a very fun night for my wife and I to get dressed up and go out."

## POP CULTURE Q&A

### 'Characters Welcome' slogan brands USA network

By RICH HELDENFELS  
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**Q: At the start of shows like "Burn Notice" and "Royal Pains" on USA Network, it says "Characters Welcome." What does that mean?**

**A:** It's a slogan USA began using five years ago to "brand" the network—that is, to create a clear identification of its programming. Think of NBC's use of "Must-See TV" or TNT's "We Know Drama." USA's line is meant to suggest what an executive once called "strong, relatable characters" in its shows, regardless of whether the show is wrestling, an intense drama or something comedic.

**Q: Back in the late '40s or early '50s, there was a movie "Times in Our Lives" or something like that. Two soldiers and a sailor who had lost his hands in combat were returning home from World War II. Dana Andrews and Fredric March were two of the actors. Could you give me some info about the other fellow?**

**A:** The movie was "The Best Years of Our Lives." The other fellow was Harold Russell, who lost both his hands during the war; as the New York Times noted, he "was teaching demolition work at Camp Mackall in North Carolina and a defective fuse detonated TNT that he was holding."

Although he was not a professional actor, his effective work in "Best Years" was the only acting performance to win two Oscars: a special award "for bringing hope and courage to his fellow veterans," then the best supporting actor honor. He acted only occasionally afterward, concentrating on charitable efforts and business. In 1992, he auctioned off one of his Oscars for \$60,500, in part to pay for an operation for his wife. He died in 2002.

**Q: What happened to ABC's "Happy Town"? It was on Wednesday nights. Now they're showing reruns of "Castle." It was just getting interesting!**

**A:** Not interesting enough, apparently. ABC pulled it from the air in May, brought it back in June, then pulled it again, and put the last two episodes (of eight total) on its Web site, <http://www.abc.go.com>. And that is "Happy Town's" unhappy ending.

**Q: Can you tell me if FX is bringing back "Damages" and "Justified" for another season?**

**A:** FX has renewed "Justified" for a second season. It did not make a deal for a fourth season of "Damages." But DirecTV has ordered 20 new episodes of the Glenn Close drama to air over two seasons in 2011 and 2012. Unlike DirecTV's deal for "Friday Night Lights," where it runs premieres episodes and NBC replays them, "Damages" will be only on DirecTV. The satellite service has also acquired replay rights to the first three seasons.

**Q: Can you help me remember the name of an HBO series where the protagonist was left alone watching TV all day when he was a young child and every real-life situation is played out in his head through scenes from the shows he saw growing up?**

**A:** You are remembering "Dream On," a comedy starring Brian Benben, more recently of "Private Practice." He played Martin Tupper, a book editor whose thoughts were illustrated by old TV and movie scenes. Wendie Malick, now on "Hot in Cleveland," played his ex-wife; Denny Dillon was Martin's secretary, Toby Pedalbee. The series ran on HBO from 1990 to 1996 and, in an edited-for-broadcast version, on Fox in 1995. The first two seasons, in their HBO form, are available on DVD.

**Q: In the movie "Oklahoma!" who wrote the music and lyrics? Was the movie filmed in Oklahoma or elsewhere? Who were the stars in the original stage play? Shirley Jones in the movie is still alive. What about Gordon MacRae?**

**A:** The 1955 movie, with music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, was filmed in Nogales, Ariz. It was based on the Broadway hit starring Joan Roberts as Laurey and Alfred Drake as Curly. Jones played Laurey in the movie opposite Gordon MacRae's Curly; MacRae died in 1986.

## Painting at center of Caravaggio mystery unveiled

**ROME (AP)**—It seemed too good to be true: The discovery of a new painting by Caravaggio during the celebrations marking the 400th anniversary of his death. It turns out, it probably was.

Scholars unveiling the painting Tuesday concurred that the "Martyrdom of St. Lawrence" did not look like a Caravaggio, but rather like the work of one or more of his followers. This week, the Vatican newspaper, which first suggested the canvas could be the work of Caravaggio, shot down its own report and retracted the claim.

The painting will still be subjected to X-ray tests and other analyses to ascertain its attribution. But experts

held out little hope that a new work by the Italian master has been found.

"It's a very interesting painting but I believe we can rule out—at least for now—that it's a Caravaggio," said Italy's art superintendent Rossella Vodret, moments before unveiling the painting in the Jesuit church where it has been kept for years.

"There are certain elements that are disconcertingly poor," she added. "The quality of the painting doesn't hold up."

The 183-by-130.5 centimeter (72-by-51 inch) oil on canvas is dominated by the figure of St. Lawrence being grilled to death, his three executioners in the background. The painting features the

dramatic chiaroscuro typical of Caravaggio and his school.

The Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano set the art world aflutter last week with a front-page article headlined "A New Caravaggio."

The article made clear that no certain attribution had been made and that further tests were required. But the definitive-sounding headline and the fact that the claim was made on the day marking the 400th anniversary of the master's death had raised expectations. The Vatican has in the past announced such art-world news in L'Osservatore, sometimes coinciding with an anniversary.

The claim apparently took even

the Jesuits by surprise. "We've walked past it hundreds of times, paying no attention," said the Rev. Daniele Libanori, rector of the Chiesa del Gesu in Rome. He said the painting was hung in a private room until a cleanup this year showed a work interesting enough to call in art experts.

On Monday, the Vatican newspaper reversed itself and published an article by the Vatican's top art historian shooting down the claim. Under the headline "A New Caravaggio? Not really," Vatican Museums chief Antonio Paolucci wrote that the work was not of Caravaggio's quality and termed it "modest" at best.

Tests will make the final call.



**NEW YORK (AP)**—Micheale Salahi is ready to move on. She is sure President Barack Obama is, too, because he has joked about her and her husband's infamous White House gate-crashing episode. And so she thinks the judicial system should be ready to move on, as well.

"To be honest, I don't know where it's at," she told The Associated Press, speaking of the criminal investigation by a federal grand jury, which still could lead to prison time for the party-going, polo-loving couple from Virginia's wine country. "But our attorneys have said to go on with our lives."

"And if the president and vice president are joking about it," she added, "I think they're ready to move forward, too."

Certainly the Salahis are taking their attorneys' advice.

Far from staying quietly out of the spotlight, they are happily promoting the Aug. 5 debut of Bravo's "Real Housewives of D.C.," in which, judging from the first episode, Micheale takes center stage, along with the incident that got her into trouble. (A teaser for a later episode shows Salahi in a limo in her famous red sari, speaking excitedly into a cell phone, apparently about the state dinner she is about to, well, crash.)

"I can't wait!" Salahi said in a telephone interview Monday. "This is full circle for me. I think the world will see that we're not just about that one night. We're not just two people who went to a dinner." It was a state dinner given by



In this Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009 file photo, Micheale and Tareq Salahi, right, arrive at a State Dinner at the White House in Washington.

# White House gate-crasher ready for her close-up

By **JOCELYN NOVECK**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Obama and his wife Michelle for Manmohan Singh, India's prime minister, and his wife, Gursharan Kaur.

In fact, all these months later, Salahi professes still not to understand why so much attention was paid to that one incident last November. "It must have been a slow news week," she said.

And she promised plenty of other drama to come, where the Salahis are concerned.

Wow, more than an incident that led to embarrassing revelations about holes in presidential security? To a congressional hearing? The rolling of heads at the Secret Service? The departure of the White House social secretary?

Well, yes. "We share our family pain," Salahi said, "our trials and tribulations." (Tareq Salahi has been enmeshed in a family feud over his Virginia winery.) "Maybe we can help other people."

But Salahi shies away from saying she is the star of the new series, while thanking her interviewer for saying something so "loving," allowing that she has not even seen the first episode, a copy of which was provided last month to the AP.

"Maybe I'm highlighted because that event got world attention, but the important thing for me is highlighting D.C.," she said. "That part was so much fun for me. People are going to

see the great diversity of our nation's capital, how D.C. really works. And you're going to hear the women discussing politics!"

Well, not exactly on a high level. The new "housewives," like Salahi, are hardly movers and shakers in politics, but rather the owner of a modeling agency, a real estate broker, a suburban mother of five, and a British interior designer new to Washington. A typical political argument in the first episode is about whether it was rude of Obama not to respond to the interior designer's wedding invitation. Or whether black and white women should go to the same hair salons.

Another potential point of conflict: Housewife Lynda Erkiletian calls the willowy Salahi, 44, anorexic at one point, which causes Salahi to break out, momentarily, from the "we-all-love-each-other" theme.

"Sometimes people are just naturally skinny," she said defensively in the interview. "You might hate me for that, Lynda." She adds: "I might have other things going on. I don't know what kind of high you get for saying that about someone." So there.

Ask Salahi about the couple's finances, and the picture is murky. Bravo is paying her for the show, but generally, the "housewives" don't make a fortune unless their fame leads to other opportunities. The cou-

ple is also collaborating on a book with investigative reporter Diane Dimond, but it is unclear whether they will share in the proceeds.

"My husband knows all the financial stuff," Salahi said breezily. "Me, I'm just a party Barbie girl! I like to have fun, and do some good on the way. As long as I have enough for Starbucks, a few Hershey's kisses during the day, and a cute outfit—maybe hair and makeup—I'm good to go!"

In any case, she said, "It's really not about the money. It's really about the platform the show gives us. It's such an honor to be added to such an incredible franchise."

Given all that has happened—what she calls the "bad attention," the hounding after the state dinner; and now the "happy attention" she is getting with the show—would Salahi have done everything the same? Would she have gotten in that limo to the White House with her intensely coiffed blonde hair and her red sari, Bravo's production company in tow?

"People have asked me that," she said. "And yes, I would. Because in my heart I know I went in, gave my ID, and if at any time they told us we weren't wanted, we'd have left. The last eight months were awful. But I learned a lot. Who matters, what matters. Yes, I would do it again."

## Adams heirs skeptical about lost negatives claim

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)**—A trove of old glass negatives bought at a garage sale for \$45 has been authenticated as the lost work of Ansel Adams and worth at least \$200 million, an attorney for the owner said Tuesday, but the iconic photographer's representatives dismissed the claim as a fraud and said they're worthless.

Arnold Peter, who represents Fresno painter and construction worker Rick Norsigian, said a team of experts who studied the 65 negatives over the past six months concluded "beyond a reasonable doubt" that the photos were Adams' early work, believed to have been destroyed in a 1937 fire at his Yosemite National Park studio.

Adams is renown for his timeless black-and-white photographs of the American West, which were produced with darkroom techniques that heightened shadows and contrasts to create mood-filled landscape portraits. He died in 1984 at 82.

His photographs today are widely reproduced on calendars, posters and in coffee-table books, while his prints are coveted by collectors. His print "Clearing Winter Storm, Yosemite National Park" fetched \$722,500 at auction last month in New York, a record for 20th century photography.

Norsigian, who works for the Fresno Unified School District, is already planning to capitalize on his discovery. He's set up a website to sell prints made from 17 negatives from \$45 for a poster to \$7,500 for a darkroom print with a certificate of authenticity. A documentary on his quest to have the negatives authenticated is in the works, as well as a touring exhibition that will debut at Fresno State University in October.

Representatives of Adams, however, said they're not buying Norsigian's claims.

"It's an unfortunate fraud," said Bill Turnage, managing director of the Ansel Adams Publishing Rights Trust. "It's very distressing."

Turnage said he's consulting lawyers about possibly suing Norsigian for using a copyrighted name for commercial purposes. He described Norsigian as on an "obsessive quest."

"We've been dealing with him for a decade," he said. "I can't tell you how many times he's called me."

Adams' grandson, Matthew Adams, who heads the Ansel Adams Gallery in San Francisco, said he reviewed Norsigian's authentications last fall and thinks they're stretches. Many photographers took pictures of the same places Adams did in that era, he said.

"There is no real hard evidence," he said. "I'm skeptical."

Norsigian bought the negatives from a man who said he had purchased the box from a Los Angeles salvage warehouse in the 1940s, bargaining the price down from \$70 to \$45. He saw they were views of Yosemite but never suspected they might be Adams' works until someone mentioned they resembled the famed photographer's shots.

"We got a laugh out of that," Norsigian said.

But the idea stuck with Norsigian, and he started researching the photographer, eventually concluding they were Adams' work.

The shots are of places Adams frequented and photographed. Several shots contain people identified as Adams associates. Adams taught at the Pasadena Art Center in the early 1940s, which would account for the negatives being in Los Angeles. The negatives are the size Adams used in the 1920s and '30s and several have charred edges, possibly indicating the 1937 fire.

"You keep adding bits and pieces," Norsigian said.

For years, he tried to get them officially verified, taking them to experts at the Smithsonian Institution, the Getty Center and others, but no one would venture to authenticate them.

Three years ago, he met Beverly Hills entertainment lawyer Peter, who assembled a team of experts to review the negatives.

The key evidence came from two handwriting experts, who identified the writing on the negative sleeves as that of Adams' wife Virginia.

But Matthew Adams said there were inconsistencies in the handwriting and a lot of misspelled Yosemite place names.

"She grew up in Yosemite. She was an intelligent, well-read woman. I find it hard to believe she would misspell those names," he said.

Peter also hired a meteorologist who studied the cloud formation, snowdrift and shadows on one image and compared it with a similar photograph by Adams, concluding they were taken at the same location on the same day.



Rick Norsigian holds up a photograph made from a glass negative shot by the late photographer Ansel Adams during a news conference in Beverly Hills, on Tuesday July 27, 2010.



# Angelina Jolie says Pitt is a 'wonderful father'

**TOKYO (AP)**—Actress Angelina Jolie, in Tokyo for the weekend opening of action thriller "Salt," brushed off rumors about her shaky relations with Brad Pitt.

"He was just a wonderful father," she said Tuesday of Pitt, during work on the film, in which she plays a tough spy. He often brought the children to the set, she recalled.

"They played with fake blood, and they found mommy very strange in her different

hair," she said.

Pitt and Jolie have been partners since they began a relationship while working on the 2005 film "Mr. & Mrs. Smith." They are raising six children.

Last week, Pitt and Jolie accepted undisclosed damages in London's High Court to settle a privacy claim against a British tabloid that had reported in January that they were planning to split.

Asked about her ability to work and maintain a happy

family, Jolie told reporters at a Tokyo hotel: "Brad is the word that makes it possible."

Jolie, who arrived Monday, brought four of the children along on the Japan trip. They have already spent some time shopping for toys inspired by Japanese director Hayao Miyazaki's animation characters Ponyo and Totoro, she said.

Jolie, 35, acknowledged she once surprised her 8-year-old son Maddox with her disguise as a male naval officer in "Salt."

He came into the room and reluctantly shook hands with the person he didn't know was his mother.

"And I said, 'Honey, it's mommy,'" Jolie said.

"I think I freaked him out," she said with a laugh, adding that he then watched her peel off her fake ears, hands and nose.

"I play these roles, but I'm always in every minute their mom first," she said. "I'm a bit of a goofy. I'm funny at home, I think."



U.S. actress Angelina Jolie waves during the Japan premiere of her spy action-thriller film "Salt" in Tokyo, Tuesday, July 27, 2010.

## Kidman, Affleck films among Toronto fest debuts

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A showcase for potential Academy Awards contenders and big fall releases, September's Toronto International Film Festival will feature titles starring Nicole Kidman, Ben Affleck, Robert De Niro, Natalie Portman, Keanu Reeves, Keira Knightley and Carey Mulligan.

The Toronto festival announced many of the titles Tuesday that will be screened at the event Sept. 9-19.

Affleck directs and stars in the heist tale "The Town," playing a thief who falls for a bank manager his crew takes hostage on their last job.

Other actors-turned-directors premiering films at the festival include Robert Redford with the Abraham Lincoln assassination tale "The Conspirator," starring James McAvoy, Robin Wright Penn,

Kevin Kline and Evan Rachel Wood; David Schwimmer with "Trust," featuring Clive Owen and Catherine Keener as parents of a teenage girl raped by a pedophile she met online; and Emilio Estevez, who directs his father, Martin Sheen, in "The Way," a drama about a father on a pilgrimage after his son's death.

Knightley and Mulligan star with Andrew Garfield, recently cast in the title role of the next "Spider-Man" movie, in director Mark Romanek's "Never Let Me Go," a drama about boarding school friends coming to grips with their sheltered past as adults in the real world.

The festival also features Kidman and Aaron Eckhart as parents grieving over the death of their son in John Cameron Mitchell's "Rabbit Hole"; De Niro and Edward Norton in

John Curran's "Stone," about a prison inmate plotting his release by manipulating a parole officer; Reeves in Malcolm Venville's "Henry's Crime," about a man wrongly convicted for bank robbery who decides to pull a heist for real after he's released from prison; and Portman as a ballerina in Darren Aronofsky's "Black Swan," a psychological thriller set behind the scenes at a dance company.

Also premiering will be "Mirral," from director Julian Schnabel ("The Diving Bell and the Butterfly"), with Freida Pinto in the tale of a girl growing up in war-torn East Jerusalem.

Toronto festival director Piers Handling said the lineup reflects the "abundance of exciting works from established and emerging filmmakers in the world of cinema."

## Franklin and Rice make music at Philly concert

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)**—Condoleezza Rice is no stranger to the whims of royalty. So when the Queen of Soul herself, Aretha Franklin, decided the two should get together to play a song or two for charity, it was decreed.

The former U.S. secretary of state and Franklin took the stage Tuesday evening at Philadelphia's Mann Music Center in a rare duet for Rice, the classically trained pianist, and Franklin, the divalicious voice of a generation. Their aim was to raise money for urban children and awareness for music and the arts.

"It is a joint effort for the inner-city youth of Philadelphia and Detroit," Franklin told The Associated Press the night before their concert with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

"We decided to give it a try,"

Franklin said. "So here we are, in the city of Brotherly—and Sisterly—Love."

Their appearance in the three-hour concert before an estimated crowd of 8,000 overflowed with Franklin's catalog of hits and arias from the world of opera and classical music.

Rice, better known as a diplomat and national security adviser, played piano while Franklin sang her hit "I Say A Little Prayer" as well as "My Country 'Tis of Thee." Earlier in the program, Rice performed a selection from Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 in D Minor with the orchestra, a piece she said she practiced furiously.

Franklin even tickled the ivories a few times Tuesday night, including for a song off her new album "A Woman Falling Out of Love," to be released later

this year. She also sang a duet—"The Way We Were"—with surprise guest Ronald Isley.

Rice's given name is derived from the Italian opera stage instruction *con dolcezza*, meaning "with sweetness." Long a musician of note, she played from elementary school through college and beyond, in quartets and performing chamber music.

She has even played with cellist Yo-Yo Ma. But, she said this was "the first time I've played with an orchestra since I was 18."

When she learned that Rice played classical music, Franklin sent for one of her recordings "to hear what she sounded like."

Previously, she said, "All I had seen of Dr. Rice was in a political atmosphere. It just seemed foreign that she would be a classical pianist."

Franklin was surprised.

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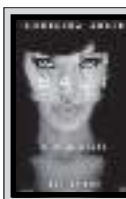
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**Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber**  
 Thriller • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Angelina Jolie stars as a CIA operative on the run in the spy thriller Edwin A. Salt, a Columbia Pictures production from writer Kurt Wimmer (Equilibrium). Actor/director Phillip Noyce helms the picture, which focuses on the plight of a government agent who's been wrongly accused of being a Russian assassin out to take down the U.S. president.



**Ramona and Beezus**

Friday and Saturday 1:10 4:20 7:10 9:35  
 Sun through Thurs 1:10 4:20 7:10

**Sandra Oh, Bridget Moynahan**  
 Children's family • Rated G

### Synopsis

Award-winning short filmmaker Elizabeth Allen follows up her debut feature, Aquamarine, with this adaptation of the Newbury Award-winning children's book series by author Beverly Cleary. Scribe Laurie Craig steps in to assume screenwriting duties for the live-action feature centering on the adventures of mischievous youngster Ramona Quimby.



**Inception**

Friday and Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:50  
 Sun through Thurs 1:00 4:00 7:00

**Leonardo DiCaprio, Marion Cotillard**  
 Action, Science fiction • Rated PG 13

### Synopsis

Warner Bros. presents the new film by The Dark Knight's Christopher Nolan, this one taking on a sci-fi psychological spin for the serious-minded action auteur, with Leonardo DiCaprio spearheading the cast. Emma Thomas serves as producer, with Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ken Watanabe, Marion Cotillard, Cillian Murphy, and Ellen Page rounding out the supporting roles.



**The Sorcerer's Apprentice**

Friday and Saturday 1:20 4:10 7:20 9:30  
 Sun through Thurs 1:20 4:10 7:20

**Nicolas Cage, Jay Baruchel**  
 Fantasy, Children's/family • Rated PG



**Despicable Me**

Friday and Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:40  
 Sun through Thurs 1:05 4:05 7:05

**Steve Carell, Jason Segel**  
 Comedy, Children's/family • Rated PG



**Twilight Saga: Eclipse**

Friday and Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:00  
 Sun through Thurs 1:30 4:30 7:30

**Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart**  
 Fantasy • Rated PG 13



**The Last Airbender**

Friday and Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:45  
 Sun through Thurs 1:15 4:15 7:15

**Noah Ringer, Nicola Peltz**  
 Adventure, Family • Rated PG

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# Jack Hanna wards off grizzly with pepper spray

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)**—TV host and zookeeper Jack Hanna says he took his own advice and used pepper spray on a grizzly bear headed toward him.

The Columbus Zoo keeper and frequent David Letterman guest said he was with his wife and other hikers in Montana's Glacier National Park on Saturday when a bear cub, weighing about 125 pounds, charged them. Hanna told The Columbus Dispatch that he held up a canister of pepper spray, which he takes routinely on hikes.

"At about 30 feet, I unload my pepper spray, and the wind takes it," he told the newspaper.



This March, 2009 file photo, shows Jack Hanna in New York City for a taping with David Letterman.

But the bear kept coming. Hanna sprayed toward the animal

again, but still it kept coming.

"Then the third time I unload that pepper spray right in his face," Hanna said.

The bear turned around and fled.

Hanna said he's been carrying pepper spray on hikes for 15 years, but Saturday was the first time he's used it.

The group was returning from Grinnell Glacier by way of a narrow trail with a cliff on one side and a steep drop-off on the other. They rounded a corner and saw a mother bear and two large cubs about 30-feet away coming toward them, the newspaper reported Tuesday.

"We thought of letting them go by, but the trail was cut into the rock and was too narrow," Hanna said. "So I said, 'Everybody talk loud and we'll back up until we can get off the trail.'"

They moved slowly back up the trail to a clearing.

"I said, 'Crawl up the hill and put your backs against the wall,'" he said.

Then they stood still while the mother and one cub passed by. The other cub, instead, charged toward them.

Hanna had recently filmed a message for the National Park Service encouraging hikers to carry pepper spray.

## French doctor: Singer Al Jarreau getting better

**MARSEILLE, France (AP)**—A cardiologist who is treating Al Jarreau says the Grammy-winning singer's health is improving steadily.

Dr. Jean-Louis Bonnet, chief of the cardiology unit at La Timone hospital in Marseille, says "everything's going well" and that Jarreau's "state of health is coming along quite normally."

Bonnet said Tuesday the singer could possibly be discharged over the weekend and could then continue his scheduled European concert tour.

The 70-year-old Jarreau was hospitalized in the Alps on Friday after suffering breathing problems in the mountains that forced him to cancel several concerts. He was moved to Marseille by helicopter Saturday.

## Gibson speaks to detectives about extortion claims

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A sheriff's official says Mel Gibson has met with detectives to discuss his claims that his ex-girlfriend attempted to extort money from him.

Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says the interview occurred Sunday. He says detectives only

spoke to the Academy Award-winner about his claims against ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva (gree-GOR'-yeh-vuh).

The sheriff's department is also investigating claims by Grigorieva that Gibson abused her during a January confrontation.

Neither has been arrested and no charges have been filed.

Stephen Jaffe, a spokesman for Grigorieva, declined comment on the meeting. The 40-year-old Russian singer denied the extortion allegations to celebrity photographers in video shot Friday.

Gibson's interview was first reported Tuesday by celebrity website TMZ.com.

## Former 'James at 15' star Lance Kerwin sentenced

**LIHUE, Hawaii (AP)**—Former child TV star Lance Kerwin has been placed on five years probation after pleading guilty to a theft charge.

Kerwin, who played the title role in "James at 15" on NBC in the 1977-78 season, was given credit during last Thursday's sentencing for 90 days served and ordered to perform 300 hours of community service for the second-degree theft charge.

Kauai County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Lauren McDowell says the 49-year-old Kerwin was caught falsifying documents to obtain state medical assistance and food stamps.

Defense attorney Craig De Costa says when Kerwin applied for the benefits, he omitted in the application that he owned three properties on the mainland.

Kerwin, a pastor at Calvary Chapel in Kapaa and a U-Turn

for Christ program leader, said he has already paid \$21,822 in restitution.

"I'm sorry," Kerwin said before being sentenced. "The last thing I want to do is to make a statement to minimize what I have done."

Kerwin said his actions affected the community, his fellow church members and his children, and added he hoped his punishment can have a positive effect in his life.

## ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

### Traverse City Film Festival honors John Hughes

**TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. (AP)**—The late writer and director John Hughes is being honored at the Traverse City Film Festival. The Lansing native died last year at the age of 59 and is this year's recipient of the Michigan Filmmaker Award. It's given to Michigan natives for their contributions to the art of cinema. Jeff Daniels and Christine Lahti are past recipients. The award is to be dedicated posthumously to Hughes during the festival's opening night on Tuesday. His wife Nancy and sons James and John III say they "appreciate the opportunity to acknowledge how Michigan ... helped shape his humor and storytelling." Hughes' films include "The Breakfast Club," "Sixteen Candles" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off."

### Source: Nigel Lythgoe may return to 'Idol'

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—A familiar face may be on the verge of returning to "American Idol." According to a person close to the show, "So You Think You Can Dance" judge Nigel Lythgoe is in talks to come back to Fox's "American Idol" next season in the producing role he left two years ago. The person, who was not authorized to discuss

the talks publicly, spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity. The person said Lythgoe would return as a member of the "Idol" executive producing team to represent CKx Inc., the holding company of 19 Entertainment, co-producer of "American Idol." Fox declined comment on Lythgoe's possible return or whether his judging role on "So You Think You Can Dance," which airs on Fox, would be affected. Lythgoe is co-creator and an executive producer of the dance contest.

### NY judge sets \$10M bail for money adviser to stars

**NEW YORK (AP)**—A jailed financial adviser to the stars can get out on bail if his two brothers change their minds and put up their houses as collateral, a Manhattan judge ruled Tuesday. At a brief hearing, U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin decided Kenneth Starr could leave jail and be put under house arrest at his Manhattan apartment if he posted a \$10 million bond secured by his brothers' homes and other property. Prosecutors allege Starr's Ponzi-like scheme from January 2008 through April cheated elderly and wealthy clients out of \$59 million. He's been behind bars

since his arrest in May on securities fraud. Starr, 66, has worked with Wesley Snipes, Sylvester Stallone and Martin Scorsese, though there's no indication they were victims.

### 'Jersey Shore' cast heads north to ring open NYSE

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Forget Black Friday. It was Tan Tuesday. The cast of MTV's "Jersey Shore" skipped the beach for a day to ring the opening bell at the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday. Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi gave a thumbs up to stock brokers before ringing the bell and waving to the crowd. Fellow cast members Paul DelVecchio and Vinny Guadagnino pumped their fists in the air, and the rest of the group applauded. The second season of the show will make its premiere Thursday.

### Dove Awards for gospel head to Atlanta in 2011

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)**—Organizers of the Dove Awards are taking a leap of faith and moving the annual gospel and Christian music show to Atlanta. This will be the first time the Doves have been held anywhere but Nashville. A statement from the Gospel Music Association announcing the move called it

a bold step. GMA board chairman Ed Leonard said the move was an opportunity to expand the reach of the awards, which have been held at the Grand Ole Opry House recently. The 2011 awards will be held April 20 at the Fox Theatre in Midtown Atlanta. The statement makes no mention of where the awards will be held in subsequent years.

### 'Detroit 1-8-7' producers a no-show at meeting

**DETROIT (AP)**—Producers of a crime show set and shot in Detroit have missed a meeting with the City Council on concerns about the drama's content. City film, culture and special events liaison Summer Woods told the council Tuesday that producers of "Detroit 1-8-7" are in production during the day and couldn't make the meeting. Some council members have said they worry the ABC show will play on negative stereotypes. The title uses a former California police code for homicide and is set to air in September. The show is shot from the perspective of a documentary film crew tasked with shadowing Detroit homicide detectives. Detroit has been unable to shake its reputation of being a violent city, despite reductions in violent crime.

## Loud music ruins reception for many wedding guests

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**  
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** "Lost My Appetite in South Carolina" (June 1) walked out of a wedding reception after waiting for a delayed dinner and suffering through the DJ's "loud, deafening rock 'n' roll music." You chided the writer and suggested he should have asked the hosts to lower the volume somewhat. It's my experience this doesn't work. Insanely loud music is part of the contemporary American culture.



*Dear Abby*

I have walked out of at least two wedding receptions because of loud music. A wedding reception is supposed to be an event to enjoy and talk to people. Something is amiss when people are invited to a wedding and become a captive audience, forced to put up with intolerable conditions. Walking out is a reasonable response.

PAUL IN CHESTERFIELD, MO.

**DEAR PAUL:** It was impossible to turn a deaf ear to the "volume" of letters I received supporting "Lost" for the reasons you expressed. Read on:

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**DEAR ABBY:** Spoiled brides and loopy parents treat weddings like Broadway productions. The guests are just extras in the extravaganza. If people have been invited for dinner and it isn't being served, they are justified in leaving.

I went to a wedding and was shocked to learn dinner wouldn't be served until five hours after the reception began because "the bride preferred to dance on an empty stomach." My husband and I left our gift and took our empty stomachs to a restaurant. We heard later that the mother of the bride was angry because more than a dozen guests also left before dinner, while the bride danced merrily on.

J.G. IN LOS ANGELES

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**DEAR ABBY:** You missed an opportunity to point out to your readers that special dinners are a time for family, friends and new acquaintances to renew, rekindle and update their lives and relationships. It might be wise for future wedding planners to instruct the DJ or band to play soft music—or none at all—during dinnertime. Remember, the "bash" goes on after dinner and lasts for hours.

CATHY LEE IN GROSSE POINT FARMS, MICH.

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**DEAR ABBY:** That letter made me furious! Because of the 30 extra guests we expected, we rented a larger room, hired an extra waiter and bartender and set up additional tables. Because some guests didn't show up and others left before the meal, we had couples left sitting alone at their tables.

The money we could have saved if some of those ungrateful people had simply declined in the RSVP could have gone to the newlyweds to start their household. Whatever happened to courtesy and good manners?

DISAPPOINTED MOTHER IN TEXAS

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**DEAR ABBY:** The comfort of one's guests must be considered in planning an event. I think it's perfectly acceptable for a guest to leave before dinner, stating, "I'm sorry, but the music has become too loud for me to stay." It is extremely rude of hosts to expect guests to tolerate dangerous, uncomfortable noise levels.

VALUES MY HEARING IN N.Y.

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**DEAR ABBY:** The "rule" that guests must eat dinner because it was paid for is right up there with the assumption that the price of the gift must be equal to the guests' share of the cost of the reception. Utter nonsense! It costs the same whether they eat while suffering from the deafening noise or discreetly making an escape.

COMMON SENSE IN ILLINOIS

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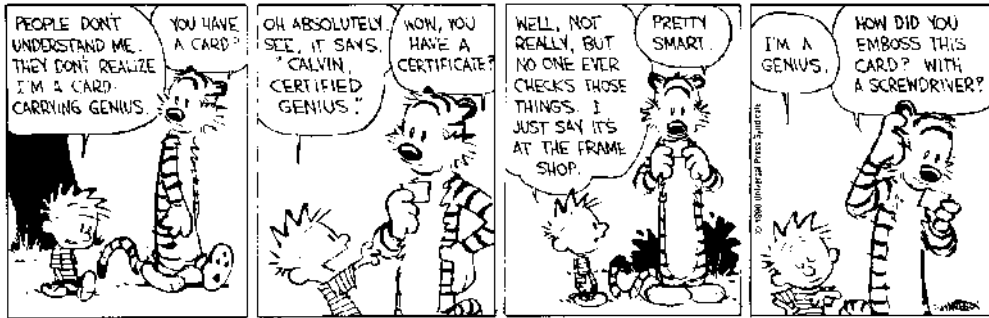
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By Bill Waterson

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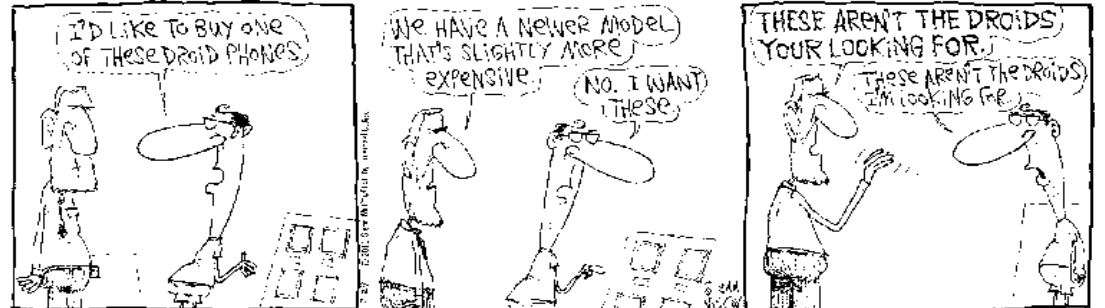


## Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

## The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



## CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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**Solution time: 25 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 7-29**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Wil Wheaton, 38; Martina McBride, 44; Ken Burns, 57; Geddy Lee, 57

**Happy Birthday:** Do your research and look past the obvious this year, if you want to get ahead. There is plenty of room for advancement if you are willing to make mental, physical and emotional changes. Money from an unusual source is in the picture. Restraint will be part of your success. There is plenty to learn and implement that will lead to your victory. Your numbers are 6, 11, 20, 22, 35, 39, 48

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't give in to temptation. It will end up costing you, even if it appears to have the potential to make you well off. Mixing business with pleasure isn't going to help you get what you want. Do a great job and let your work speak for itself. \*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Get involved in activities you enjoy with the people you have the most fun with and you will enhance your personal relationships. Don't let someone else's uncertainty cause you to miss the events that will lead to closer connections with colleagues. \*\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't expect smooth sailing when addressing emotional issues that affect home, family and friends. Face each situation before it escalates to proportions you can no longer handle on your own. Criticism will follow if you have to call in an outsider. \*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't fight the inevitable when you need to embrace

change and what it can bring. If you are open, you will come to realize the events that take place are to your advantage. Love is growing. \*\*\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** A change of plans, location or events is heading your way. Turn whatever you face into a positive experience and you will teach those around you what having a good attitude can do to help you through troubled times. \*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Take your time and monitor whatever situation you face, especially if it has to do with finance. Once you have all the facts, you can make an educated move. You should address any situations that deal with a love relationship. \*\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You'll have plenty to think about if you let your personal life intertwine with your professional goals. You'll attract someone who can influence your future. The choice you make can leave you in a vulnerable position if you aren't upfront regarding your feelings and plans. \*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Doing too much for someone will be costly. The more you give, the more everyone will want and expect. Sharing emotional thoughts will help others understand where you are coming from. \*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You'll be walking a fine line when it comes to both personal and professional dealings. If you don't agree with someone, keep it to yourself. A move may be required for you to advance. \*\*

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**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** There is money to be made and contracts formulated and signed. Push for everything you want but be willing to give back in return. A past partner may have something to bring to the table. Don't hesitate to reunite. \*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You may want to start something with someone off-limits. Consider if you are breaking any rules before you make your move. A setback at this time will be costing emotionally and financially and will adversely affect personal and family relationships. \*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Don't make a move without giving it plenty of thought. You will be prone to make mistakes right now if you act impulsively. It's better to be safe than sorry, especially with professional and personal partnerships. \*\*\*

**Birthday Baby:** You are curious, outgoing and diverse. You are persuasive and charming and have lots of charisma.

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## SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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## WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The letter letters spell the Wonderword.

ALEXANDRE BILODEAU

Solution: 8 letters

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Yesterday's Answer: Humorous

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# Maradona out as Argentina's soccer coach



This July 22, 2010 file photo shows Argentina's national soccer team coach Diego Armando Maradona listening to a question from the press prior to his meeting with Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, unseen, at Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela.

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)**—Diego Maradona was given the boot as Argentina's soccer coach before he could resign.

His stint as coach of the Albiceleste ended far less successfully than his time as a player with the national team. The Argentine Football Association, which hired the former star in November 2008, said Tuesday that his contract will not be renewed. The decision came 3 1/2 weeks after his team, led by star Lionel Messi, was eliminated from the World Cup with a humiliating 4-0 loss to Germany in the quarterfinals.

"Diego shut himself off to any change," executive committee member Luis Segura said on Argentine television. "Diego has all the right to do what he wants. But so does AFA."

The federation had offered Maradona a four-year contract through the 2014 World Cup, but Maradona said he would do so only if his entire staff remained.

That was unacceptable to AFA president Julio Grondona. He had asked for several assistants to be replaced, including Maradona's close friend Alejandro Mancuso. The federation said

its executive committee unanimously decided to not keep Maradona.

AFA spokesman Ernesto Cherquis Bialo called the decision "very painful" but said there was no way to solve the impasse.

"The president said that there was a significant difference between what AFA wanted to achieve and Maradona's aspirations for the future," Cherquis Bialo said. "There was a wide gap, and it was impossible to narrow it."

The spokesman hinted, however, there might be a role in the future for a man with an unpredictable history.

"This marks the end of a first chapter with Mr. Maradona," Cherquis Bialo said. "The doors to this house, as always, will be open to him."

Youth team manager Sergio Batista was appointed interim coach for the Aug. 11 exhibition at Ireland, which will be followed by a Sept. 7 home exhibition against world champion Spain. Possible permanent successors include two club coaches in Argentina: Alejandro Sabella of Estudiantes and Miguel Russo of Racing.

Asked about the full-time coach, Cherquis Bialo said: "The people who were in the meeting have no name in their imaginations. It has just been announced that the contract with the coach will not be renewed. And so, a new stage begins."

The 49-year-old Maradona became Argentina's coach in November 2008, replacing Alfio Basile and taking over a team he led to the 1986 World Cup title and the 1990 final.

He had little coaching experience, and his team absorbed two of the worst losses in the country's history: a 6-1 rout at Bolivia in World Cup qualifying and the World Cup defeat to Germany.

Argentina attacked with flair in South Africa, with Messi setting up scoring strikes by Gonzalo Higuain and Carlos Tevez. Maradona, dressed on the sideline in a gray suit, was an enthusiastic cheerleader, but that could not compensate for his team's tactical deficiencies. The loss to Germany exposed frailties on defense and lack of midfield speed.

Messi, widely regarded as the game's best player, left with World Cup without scoring a goal. Maradona never explained why Messi—he was left to roam the field on his own—wasn't scoring.

"Nobody ever told me where to play. So I shouldn't have to tell Messi where to play, either," Maradona said.

Maradona, who has fought cocaine and alcohol addiction, grew up in a Buenos Aires slum, and his escape from poverty has endeared him to many. But he has worn out his wel-

come in other quarters.

Maradona ruffled the government of President Cristina Fernandez, who twice invited the coach to meet with her. But cabinet chief Anibal Fernandez said Maradona failed to respond or answer the phone, forcing the president's secretaries to leave messages.

Fernandez had been openly supportive of keeping Maradona as coach, and one legislator has proposed building a monument to honor him.

Two weeks ago, the federation offered Maradona the chance to extend his contract. But Maradona put off meeting with Grondona to travel to Venezuela at the invitation of a friend - President Hugo Chavez.

Maradona's relationship with key individuals in Argentine soccer also was tense. He barred federation leaders and businessmen with commercial ties to the organization from practices in South Africa while allowing reporters to enter.

Still, Maradona had many supporters.

"I want Maradona to stay," Interior Minister Florencio Randazzo said Tuesday in an interview on radio La Red. "We will support his decision. If he leaves we will miss him."

Added team trainer Fernando Sognorini: "I have no doubt they didn't want him. Maradona is like a stone in the shoe of power."

## Sources: Bengals reach deal with TO



**CINCINNATI (AP)**—A year after they were featured on HBO's "Hard Knocks," the Bengals have scripted their own reality show.

T.O. and Ocho. Two self-conscious stars, one NFL team.

How will they fit? How will it work? Which receiver will provide most of the drama?

And, more importantly, will any of it help the Bengals get back to the playoffs?

The Bengals reached a contract agreement with receiver Terrell Owens on Tuesday, two persons familiar with the situation told The Associated Press. He's expected to report to training camp in a day or two and sign a one-year deal that will pay him \$2 million with a chance for an additional \$2 million in bonuses.

The Bengals were his first choice, giving him a chance to team with close friend Chad Ochocinco, who has already dubbed the pair Batman and Robin. The Bengals made an offer on Monday, and Owens accepted a day later.

Players are required to report for the start of training camp on Wednesday in Georgetown, Ky. Owens is expected to show up when workouts begin on Thursday, said one person speaking on condition of anonymity because the team had made no announcement of the signing.

On his Twitter account, Owens replied to Ochocinco late Tuesday: "Ocho Uno is coming 2 town!! Hey Robin, Batman will b there soon!!" He's expected to sign his deal when he arrives in Georgetown.

Already, it's like something out of a reality show.

Ochocinco gushed about the match-up on his Twitter feed, welcoming Owens and joking that "all of our games have been moved to pay-per-view, you got to pay to see this."

Both of the look-at-me receivers are accustomed to cable.

By adding the 36-year-old Owens, the Bengals will lead the NFL in reality show stars. Ochocinco competed on "Dancing With the Stars" in the offseason, and has a dating show called "Ochocinco: The Ultimate Catch" currently running on VH1. After Ochocinco's show comes "The T.O. Show."

Ochocinco's last show involved eliminating two contestants. Owens' last program had him walking down a runway as part of a fashion show in metrosexual attire—bare chest under an open jacket with a huge necklace and a wig.

In a couple of days, it will be the dancer-and-dater on one side of the field, the metrosexual model on the other.

In the middle will be quarterback Carson Palmer, who helped bring Owens to Cincinnati. Palmer worked out with Owens in California and called coach Marvin Lewis, saying the team ought to try to sign him.

"He and Chad are going to do some great things with Carson," said Drew Rosenhaus, the agent for both receivers. "Carson Palmer had a lot to do with this deal coming together."

Bengals owner Mike Brown went along, even though he knew Owens also brings a lot of baggage. The outspoken receiver has a history of undercutting his quarterbacks, though he was on good behavior last season in Buffalo.

Brown doesn't mind. He has a history of providing extra chances to players who have caused trouble, allowing them to extend their careers in Bengals stripes. In the last two years, the Bengals also have signed receiver Chris Henry, running back Cedric Benson, running back Larry Johnson and receiver Matt Jones, all of whom were let

go because of off-field issues.

"Yes, people can make mistakes," Brown said at the team's preseason luncheon on Monday. "It doesn't mean that they go on the rest of their lives making mistakes. They can get their ship pointed in the right direction. This is a 36-year-old man. He's been through a lot. He's proven as a player and as a person."

The question is how much he has left. Owens caught 55 passes for 829 yards and five touchdowns with the Bills last season, his least-productive full season since early in his career with San Francisco. The Bengals are trying to upgrade a passing game that was one of the NFL's worst last season, ranking 26th.

The Bengals won the AFC North by relying on defense and their running game. They released receiver Laveranues Coles after his only season in Cincinnati, and went looking for a replacement. They gave Owens a tryout in March, but decided to sign Antonio Bryant to a four-year deal instead.

Brown had a one-on-one meeting with Owens and came away impressed. When the receiver still available as camp was opening, Brown decided to add him, as well.

Owens was hoping for the offer. "The Bengals have always been the front-runner," Rosenhaus said. "Even though I talked to some other teams during this process, the Bengals have always been the team that showed the most interest. Terrell has always been excited about them."

Rosenhaus also has talked to the Bengals about a contract extension for Ochocinco, who is on the final year of a deal that includes a team option for 2011.

"We've been in discussion potentially about doing an extension," Rosenhaus said. "So we'll keep that going. It's been very cordial, very positive."

## Yao says he may quit if foot doesn't fully heal



**BEIJING (AP)**—Houston Rockets center Yao Ming is considering quitting basketball after next season if he doesn't fully recover from his lingering foot injury.

In comments to Chinese state media Monday, Yao sounded far from optimistic about his future and also made a rare criticism of China's national basketball program.

"If the foot injury does not heal next season, I might choose to call it quits," he said.

Yao turns 30 in September and missed last season following foot surgery. He is set to return to the Rockets after deciding not to opt out of the final year of his contract. Though he has said his recovery was going well, the Rockets have signed 7-foot veteran Brad Miller to share the work at center.

Yao, who was in China for charity events and remains wildly popular in his country, all but ruled out playing in the 2012 London Olympics.

"The chance is very small," the 7-6 center was quoted as saying by the official Xinhua News Agency. "The foot injury will not allow me to play so many games anymore. Like I said before, I will quit the national team and the sport one day. It's what happens to every athlete."

Without Yao, the national team has played lackluster ball, including an embarrassing home loss to Iran in the final of the Asian Championship last year. Yao attributed the poor showings to China's focus on the 2008 Beijing Olympics and neglect of development teams and the country's professional league.

"We are paying for what we didn't do leading up to 2008. We skipped the development of a reserve team and the CBA league and focused only on the national team and the Olympics. It's like you are killing the goose that lays the golden egg," he said. "I'm 30. As an athlete, I am not the future of China basketball anymore."



# Clutch hitter Ethier drives Dodgers over Padres



## SAN DIEGO

(AP)—Pinch-hitter Andre Ethier hit a two-run single with two outs in the seventh inning for the only runs of the game as the Los Angeles Dodgers edged the San Diego Padres 2-0 in Tuesday's clash of National League West rivals.

Ethier didn't start in right field due to a stomach bug but manager Joe Torre brought in the noted clutch hitter with the bases loaded and the score tied 0-0.

The Dodgers have won five of six against the Padres this season, including four straight at Petco Park, and closed within five games of the NL West leaders.

San Diego starter Jon Garland (9-7) allowed five hits in 6 2-3 innings, departing after Ethier's hit.

L.A. starter Chad Billingsley (9-5) held the Padres pitched six scoreless innings.

## Giants 6, Marlins 4

In San Francisco, Juan Uribe hit a tie-breaking homer leading off the eighth inning to lift San Francisco over Florida.

Uribe, starting in place of Pablo Sandoval at third base, homered off Brian Sanches (0-2) to break a 3-3 tie. Edgar Renteria followed three batters later with a two-run shot for only his second homer of the season.

San Francisco's Sergio Romo (4-3) pitched one scoreless inning for the win.

## Mets 8, Cardinals 2

In New York, the hosts returned home, after being shut out four times during a 2-9 road trip, and rediscovered some offensive pep, beating St. Louis.

Cardinals starter Adam Wainwright's career-best scoreless streak was ended at 26 innings. Wainwright (14-6) allowed a season-worst six runs.

Jeff Francoeur hit a three-run homer for the Mets and Jose Reyes added a two-run shot, while starting pitcher Jonathon Niese (7-4) took the win.

## Reds 12, Brewers 4

In Milwaukee, Brandon Phillips, Joey Votto and Scott Rolen all had four hits apiece for Cincinnati, which beat Milwaukee and moved into a tie for first in the NL Central.

The top four hitters in Cincinnati's lineup—Phillips, Orlando Cabrera, Votto and Rolen—finished 15 for 22 with seven RBIs as the Reds matched a season high with 19 hits.

Rolen, who returned Monday after missing nine games with a hamstring injury, snapped an 0-for-16 slump with hits in his first four plate appearances.

Milwaukee saw its season-best five-game winning streak snapped.

Cincinnati's rookie reliever Logan Ondrusek (2-0) earned the win with 2 1-3 hitless innings.

Brewers starter Yovani Gallardo (9-5) hit a two-run homer in his only at-bat, but left the mound in the third.

## Nationals 3, Braves 0

In Washington, scheduled starter Stephen Strasburg was scratched with a shoulder injury in the warm-up, so reliever Miguel Batista made his first start in nearly two years and guided Washington to victory over Atlanta.

The 39-year-old journeyman Batista (1-2) pitched five scoreless innings, striking out six and walking only one.

Braves starter Tommy Hanson (8-7)



Los Angeles Dodgers' Andre Ethier watches his two-run single against the San Diego Padres in the seventh inning of a baseball game Tuesday, July 27, 2010, in San Diego.

went six innings, giving up only one earned run and no walks while striking out eight, but was undone by a couple of throwing errors.

## Phillies 9, Diamondbacks 5

In Philadelphia, Ryan Howard hit a tie-breaking two-run homer as Philadelphia beat Arizona to record its season-high sixth straight win.

Jayson Werth and Cody Ransom also connected for the Phillies, who moved within 3½ games of East-leading Atlanta, cutting the deficit in half over the past five days. They have won nine straight at home, their longest since winning 16 straight in 1991.

Philadelphia reliever David Herndon (1-2) recorded his first major league victory.

Raul Ibanez hit a two-out RBI single off Arizona's Jordan Norberto (0-1) to tie it 5-5 in the sixth and Howard fol-

lowed a drive to left-center.

## Astros 6, Cubs 1

In Houston, Brett Myers pitched a complete game to steer Houston past Chicago.

It was the 10th career complete game for Myers (8-6). He struck out a career high-tying 12 batters and didn't give up a run until a solo homer in the ninth. He also extended his club record for consecutive starts of at least six innings to begin a season to 21.

Lance Berkman hit his fifth career grand slam in the Astros' six-run seventh inning with the team leading 2-0.

Chicago's Andrew Cashner (1-4) took the loss.

## Pirates 4, Rockies 2

In Denver, Zach Duke threw six solid innings to help Pittsburgh snap a four-game losing streak and down Colorado.

Duke (5-9) gave up two homer in the fifth but otherwise shut out the

Rockies hitters.

Colorado, which suffered its seventh straight defeat, lost reliever Huston Street to a freak injury before the game. Street suffered a bruised abdomen when he was hit by a line drive as he warmed up in right field during batting practice.

Rockies starter Jorge De La Rosa (3-3) took the loss despite giving up only two earned runs in seven innings.

## Rays 3, Tigers 2

St. Petersburg, Florida, James Shields pitched 6 2-3 strong innings to guide the Tampa Bay Rays to a win over the Detroit Tigers.

Shields (9-9) allowed just one walk and had seven strikeouts as the Rays closed within two games of AL East-leading New York.

Tampa Bay went up 3-2 when Matt Joyce had a broken-bat run-scoring double during the sixth.

Detroit's Justin Verlander (12-6) allowed three runs in his second complete game of the season but took the loss.

Rafael Soriano, the Rays' fourth reliever, struggled in the ninth before getting his 27th save.

## Red Sox 4, Angels 2

In Anaheim, John Lackey pitched into the eighth inning to win in his return to Angel Stadium, directing Boston's win over Los Angeles.

Lackey (10-5), pitching against his old team, threw 124 pitches.

Jed Lowrie's two-run double in the seventh put Boston ahead in just his sixth game of the season after missing nearly four months with mononucleosis.

Angels starter Jered Weaver (9-7) allowed six hits in seven innings as Los Angeles slumped to its sixth loss in seven games.

## Rangers 3, Athletics 1, 10 innings

In Arlington, Nelson Cruz hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the 10th to lift Texas over Oakland.

With the game tied 1-1, Josh Hamilton drew a one-out walk off Michael Wertz (2-2) and Cruz followed

with his homer.

Oakland advanced a runner to third with two outs in the 10th, but Texas' Neftali Feliz (2-2) struck out Cliff Pennington to end it.

Rangers starter Cliff Lee struck out a career-high 13—the most by a Texas pitcher for 11 years—but remained stuck on 99 career victories.

## Indians 4, Yankees 1

In Cleveland, Josh Tomlin won on his major league debut, taking a shutout into the eighth inning as Cleveland beat New York.

Tomlin outpitched former Indians ace C.C. Sabathia (13-4), handing the Yankees starter his first loss in 12 starts. Tomlin (1-0) gave up one run and lasted until allowing a leadoff double in the eighth.

Alex Rodriguez remains stuck on 599 career homers after going 0 for 4 on his 35th birthday. He had one more chance at hitting his 600th with two outs in the ninth inning, but ground into a forceout to end the game.

## Twins 11, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Danny Valencia drove in three runs as Minnesota completed the worst three-day pitching span in Kansas City history.

In their past three games, the Royals have given up 42 runs—surpassing the team's previous worst of 40. The 53 hits they have given up is also a new worst.

Valencia had two singles and a double in his first three at-bats against Royals starter Bruce Chen (5-5), who was charged with six runs. He added an RBI single in the eighth, making him 4 for 5.

Twins starter Carl Pavano (13-6) won his eighth straight decision, giving up one run in five innings.

The Twins have won six of seven and over their past four games against Baltimore and Kansas City they have 47 runs and 72 hits.

## Blue Jays 8, Orioles 2

In Toronto, Jose Bautista hit two home runs, giving him a major league-leading 30, as Toronto beat Baltimore for the 11th straight time.

It was the fifth multihomer game of the season for Bautista, who has connected in three straight and leads the AL with 10 in July.

Blue Jays starter Ricky Romero (8-7) pitched 7 2-3 strong innings, retiring 12 of the first 13 batters he faced and not allowing a run until the eighth. He walked one and struck out eight.

Baltimore starter Kevin Millwood (2-10) allowed six runs in 5 1-3 innings and is winless in four starts.

## White Sox 11, Mariners 0

In Chicago, Alexei Ramirez, Andruw Jones and Paul Konerko homered as Chicago routed Seattle.

Ramirez finished with three hits and three RBIs. He also singled in a run in the first, and is 8 for 12 with five RBIs in his past three games, including six hits in consecutive games against Seattle.

Jones drove in three runs for the White Sox, who led 8-0 after three innings against Mariners starter Ryan Rowland-Smith (1-10), who allowed 11 runs in five innings.

White Sox starter Gavin Floyd (6-8) took the win, ceding four hits in seven innings.

## Feds seek records from '04 Armstrong doping case

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)—Federal prosecutors investigating cheating in professional cycling have subpoenaed documents from a 2004 case in which a Texas company tried to prove Lance Armstrong used performance enhancing drugs.

Jeffrey Tillotson, the attorney who handled the case for Dallas-based SCA Promotions Inc., said Tuesday that his office will send the documents to federal prosecutors in Los Angeles.

The records include depositions from former Tour de France winner Greg LeMond, former Armstrong teammate Frankie Andreu and his wife, and testimony from Armstrong and his business associates. The Wall Street Journal first reported the subpoena Tuesday.

Armstrong has not received any subpoenas or official requests from federal investigators, according to his attorney, Bryan D. Daly, a criminal defense lawyer and former federal prosecutor based in Los Angeles.

"Truthfully, I don't have any idea how Lance Armstrong fits into this whole thing," Daly said. "Lance Armstrong doesn't want to be stuck in the middle of a celebrity investigation."

Armstrong and SCA went to arbitration after the company withheld a \$5 million performance bonus it owed Armstrong for his 2004 Tour de France win. SCA had cited published allegations Armstrong was doping, which he denied.

The cyclist never has failed a drug test and has strongly denied all allegations he participated in doping.

The 2004 case ended with SCA paying Armstrong \$7.5 million, covering the original contract plus attorneys fees and interest. Sean Breen, one of Armstrong's attorneys in the SCA case, said most of the case testimony already had been leaked in recent years.

"There's nothing in (the subpoenaed documents) that hasn't been released or would support any contention he

was doping or cheated," Breen said.

Federal prosecutors' investigation was spurred by more recent accusations from Floyd Landis, Armstrong's former teammate on the U.S. Postal team. Armstrong has denied the allegations and questioned Landis' credibility.

Armstrong won the Tour de France a record seven times from 1999-2005, an era that started after his recovery from testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain.

The SCA case involved three weeks of testimony from dozens of witnesses. Betsy Andreu claimed that days after Armstrong underwent brain surgery in 1996, he told a doctor he used the blood-boosting hormone EPO and other drugs. Frankie Andreu also gave similar testimony.

Armstrong denied those claims and his lawyer released an affidavit from the doctor who led his chemotherapy treatments saying there is no medical record of any such admission.



# MGD, MIGS, Trinity win in Miller Lite caging

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MGD, Trinity, and MIGS topped their opponents in the resumption of the 2010 Miller Lite Invitational Basketball Tournament Monday and Tuesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

MGD improved its win-loss record to 7-2 after defeating DL Cooking Gas, 76-67, in the second game Tuesday night. Cargo Express beat Vipers via forfeit in the curtain raiser.

DL Cooking Gas actually got off to a good start and led 14-13 after the first 10 minutes of action, thanks to Danny Dayrit's eight first-quarter points.

MGD tied the game up at 36-all at the break as Von Tamayo and Michael Achas fired six

markers apiece to offset Dayrit and Gil Gapor's production as the two combined for 12 second-quarter points.

Tamayo then stepped up big for MGD at the start of the second half, scoring 13 points in the third period to help his team take a 59-50 lead.

He scattered 11 more points in the last quarter to put DL Cooking Gas away for good. Tamayo top-scored for MGD with 32 points, while Alex Lauron added 16 markers.

Dayrit led DL Cooking Gas with 15 points, while Gapor and Jhun Abedes pumped in 14 apiece as the team lost its fifth game in nine starts.

## MIGS 80, Grillin's 74

On Monday, MIGS kept pace with a frontrunners with a hard-fought 80-74 victory against

Grillin' in the first game.

MIGS doubled up Grillin', 24-12, in the opening quarter. Rosty Doranilla led the way with 10 points and received six points apiece from John Jugos and Sonny Quemado.

Two 3-pointers added to an 11-point effort by Grillin's Rollon Herrera in the second quarter as he helped his team get back in the thick of things before the end of the first half, but MIGS still maintained a comfortable 42-31 lead.

Grillin' forward Rocyl Ritual then scored 13 points in the third quarter, but besides four points from Herrera, no one else was able to contribute as MIGS extended its lead to 63-49.

Herrera exploded with an impressive 14 points in the last period to help make the final score respectable, but MIGS was way

ahead all day and never really sweated a comeback attempt en route to the six-point margin of victory. It improved to 6-2 in the team standings.

Doranilla led MIGS with 27 points, while Toto Banatasa chipped in 15. Herrera fired 31 and Ritual 25 markers in the loss, which dropped Grillin' from among the leaders at 6-3.

## Trinity 69, VCC 66

In Monday's second game, Trinity edged VCC, 69-66, to inch closer to a .500 record at 4-5.

Trinity's Michael Palacios and Eric Dulfo led the way in the first quarter with seven and five points, respectively.

But shooter Fernan Galvan scattered seven points and received mixed support from his teammates as VCC managed

an early 20-18 lead after the first quarter.

Trinity then scrapped its way back to tie up the score at 36-all by halftime. A 3-pointer and a free throw by Trinity's Rommel Manuel to start the second half, along with six more points from Palacios, helped Trinity open up a 55-50 lead.

And they would need it because VCC's Whest Juquilion surged with a 13-point effort in the last quarter to give this contest some late drama. However, Trinity held on in part by six more points by Dulfo in the final period.

Palacios paced Trinity with 19 points, while Dulfo added 17. Juquilion and Galvan had 17 and 12 points, respectively, in the loss.

## TUESDAY

**MGD 76**—Tamayo 32, Lauron 16, Tagle 12, Garon 10, Achas 6.

**DL Cookng Gas 67**—Dayrit 15, Abedes 14, Gapor 14,

Guerrero 7, Tenorio 6, Ebuén 4, Marchadesh 4, Alfonso 2, De-Guzman 1.

**Scoring by quarters:** 13-14, 36-36, 59-50, 76-67.

## MONDAY First Game

**MIGS 80** — Doranilla 27, Banatasa 15, J 12, S. Quemado 10, Villanueva 8, Caniete 4, N. Quimado 2, Yap 2.

**Grillin' 74** — Herrera 31, Ritual 25, Hernandez 9, Itaas 6, Tibayan 3.

**Scoring by quarters:** 24-12, 41-32, 63-49, 80-74.

## Second Game

**Trinity 69**—Palacios 19, Dulfo 17, Lose 10, Cabrera 6, Mongami 6, Manuel 4, Guevarra 3.

**VCC 66** — Juquilion 17, Galvan 12, Chavez 11, Perez 7, Maliwanag 6, Taracatac 6, Mendoza 4.

**Scoring by quarters:** 18-20, 36-36, 50-45, 69-66.

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challenge," said the 37-year-old former Kansas University star. "Another reason it will be harder this time is that in 2006 I had just met my wife for the first time, she was playing tennis for the Marshall Islands. So I was playing extra hard to impress her and her mother. She is coming to Palau to watch this time and has told me I better win or I'm on a one-way ticket. Expectations are higher now."

Joining Race, Montgomery, and Aikawa on the team are returnee Mayuko Arriola and Micro Games first-timers Jodel Fernandez, Lydia Tan, Bobby Cruz, and Peter Loyola. Aikawa

just joined the team yesterday, as she is based in Hawaii.

Race, who won a bronze medal in the men's singles, said the team is pretty even and deep with the addition of Cruz and Loyola in the squad's roster.

"On any given day, Bobby and Peter can play pretty good games. Peter even beat Todd in a warm-up tournament and Bobby did well during our scrimmages. For our girls team, Mayuko and Kana are there to provide experience, while Jodel and Lydia are always ready to support our main players," added Race, who led the team's training sessions since November last year.

"We have a pretty strong team, so we all have a shot at getting at least one medal each. In the last Micro Games,

the women's team got bronze, but I think we have a really good chance of getting the gold this year. I think I also have a shot at getting a medal in the mixed-doubles division," Arriola said.

Race and Arriola picked Guam as the CNMI's toughest foe in the Micro Games. Guam's No. 1 player for the singles tournament in Palau is Justin Dugan, while Torgun Smith and Wendell Roden, who had been to Saipan tournaments the past two years, are expected to lead Guam's doubles team.

## Excited first-timers

The CNMI netters left for Palau yesterday and first-timers Tan, Fernandez, Cruz, and Loyola admitted the excitement slowly

building up leading to the start of the competition on Aug. 1.

"I am more excited than nervous. Representing the CNMI for the first time reminds me the years I represented Malaysia's bowling team," Tan said.

Like Tan, Loyola had been to international tournaments in two other sports (motocross and mountain bike), representing the Philippines, but the Micro Games will be his first in tennis.

"I am so proud and honored to be able to compete in a prestigious tournament at this time of my playing career," said the 42-year-old Loyola.

As for Cruz, representing the CNMI in the Micro Games is a dream come true.

"I attended University of Guam and played competitive-

ly in local tournaments. I am friends with Guam players, as we practiced and played regularly. However, despite my deep friendships with them, I am a Saipan boy at heart, and it has always been a dream of mine to represent the CNMI. Saipan is my home. I take pride in returning home as an educator and athlete with the intention to serve my island and its incredible people to the best of my ability," the Northern Marianas College adjunct

instructor said.

Fernandez is the youngest member of the team at 17 and hopes to help the squad achieve success.

"I will try my best to apply the things I have learned throughout the months of rigorous training to the competition to achieve our goal of getting medals for the CNMI. Although I am the youngest on the team, I need to work on my fair share into this competition to reach our goal," Fernandez said.

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811 pinfalls (191, 246, 161, and 213). Bowlers can bowl twice in the monthly roll-offs, but only the higher score is counted.

Raymond Zapanta also bowled twice with his second-day score of 813 pinfalls putting him in second place. Zapanta recorded more than 200 in three games (205, 209, and 207), but failed to get the monthly plum when he carded only 192 pinfalls in Game 2 for an average of 203.25 pinfalls per game.

Raul Dumapit completed the Top 3 finish with his first-day score of 810 pinfalls.

In the Queen of the Lanes, Cal had a neck-and-neck battle against Yho Villavicencio. Cal had a four-game total of 688 pinfalls, only two pinfalls ahead of Villavicencio.

Villavicencio had the lead after three games last Sunday, as she logged 523 pinfalls (158, 176, 189). Cal posted 155, 193, and 170 pinfalls for a three-game total of 518 pinfalls or five pinfalls behind Villavicencio. Another 170-pinfall performance in Game 4 gave Cal the close win, as Villavi-

cencio only netted 163 pinfalls in her last game.

Gigi Zapanta rounded out the Top 3 with her 678 pinfalls. Zapanta had a slow start with 158 pinfalls in Game 1, recorded 155 in Game 2, and then played solid in the last two games with 192 pinfalls apiece.

First-day roll-off leader Carol McKenzie, who tallied 666 pinfalls, dropped to fourth.

## Two in a row for Aldan

Youth kegler M.J. Aldan, who won in the June roll-off, made it two in a row after topping the Fiji Water Prince/Princess of the Lanes last Sunday.

■ Team ZengZung's George Manglona vs. Saipan's Josh Cruz in the 140-lb division;

■ Tinian's Regino Mundo vs. Team Zalaka's Jacob Ilo in a 140-lb K-1 exhibition kickboxing match;

■ Marianas Elite's Victor Norita vs. Tinian's Dennis Pua in the 135-lb division;

■ Predator Combat's "Tabi" Jay Muna vs. Trench Tech's "Bad" Brad Palacios in the 135-lb division;

■ Saipan's Jason "Ground Maintenance" Teregeyo vs. Tinian ZengZung's Craig "Earthquake" Borja in the 140-lb division;

■ Tinian's Mike Reyes vs.

against Saipan's Rick "2Slick" San Nicolas in the 185-lb. division with Melvin Rran on standby in case San Nicolas does not appear;

■ Trench Tech's Sully Stone vs. Tinian's Jush Sanchez in the 205-lb division;

■ Marianas Elite's Syl "The Deal" Teregeyo vs. Trench Tech's "No Way" Jose Mafnas in the 190-lb division;

■ Trench Tech's Ton "But-Dosa" Sablan vs. Team Zalaka's Franklin Faisao in the super heavyweight division; and

■ Saipan's Giovanni "Palaxi" Sablan vs. Guam's Matt "The Hitman" Manibusan in the 160-lb main event.

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was Rastguiy, who was seeded first in her group (Pool A) and drew a bye in the first round last Monday. She debuted in the POJC last Tuesday and swept her two games to make it to the quarterfinals of the girls U12 division.

In her first game, Rastguiy dominated Vinda Teally of the Solomon Islands, 6-3, 6-4. In her afternoon match, Rastguiy had a tougher time in beating Kiribati's Aresi Mwea, as the former needed three sets to nail a victory, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Rastguiy's quarterfinals foe is Samoa's Lolomamaiviti Ripley, who finished second in Pool B with a 1-1 record.

In the girls U14, Mikayla Lopez kept her semis bid alive after winning two games last Tuesday. Lopez, who split her first two games last Monday, prevailed over Samoa's Anastasi Tapusoa, 6-0, 6-0, and Mishaela Bonin, 6-1, 6-1, to improve to a 3-1 record in Pool A.

Lopez was scheduled to meet Guam's Chloe Gadsden (3-1) yesterday and a win will give the CNMI bet the No. 1 spot in Pool A and a semis seat. Lopez's lone loss in the tournament so far was against Papua New Guinea's Lorish Puluspene, 3-6, 1-6, last Monday, but in the same day, the former stunned Pool A top seed Assya Trimari of New Caledonia, 6-0, 6-1.

Still in the girls U14 division, Melody Johnson bounced back from a 0-2 start after sweeping

her two games in Pool B last Tuesday. Johnson won over the Cook Islands' Taya Beddoes, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5, and Tonga's Simoko Afemui, 6-2, 6-3. Johnson's last game was against PNG's Celeste Stapleton yesterday and even if the former wins her final match, the CNMI bet is already out of contention for a semis seat.

Also losing their chances to advance to the next round were Thea Minor and Rafael Jones in the U18 division, and Carl Dela Cruz in the U12.

The 14-year-old Minor dropped to a 2-2 record in Pool A of the girls U18 after another split in Day 2 of the tournament. Minor started Day 2 on a winning note after edging Fiji's Losana Vosa, 6-3, 6-4, but lost her afternoon game against top seed and PNG's Marcia Tere-Apisah, 3-6, 6-4, 0-6.

Rafael Jones, another 14-year-old CNMI netter competing in the U18, went 0-4 in Pool A after losing to Vanuatu's Gregory Jacobo, 1-6, 2-6 and New Caledonia's Julien Delaplane, 0-6, 0-6. Jones was hoping to enter the win column yesterday when he faced the Cook Island's Alex Beddoes.

Also holding a 0-4 record pending yesterday's game results was Dela Cruz, who dropped two more games last Tuesday. Dela Cruz bowed to the Federated States of Micronesia's T.J. Rush, 3-6, 3-6, and PNG's Matthew Stubbings, 5-7, 4-6, and the CNMI bet was playing Fiji's Krishan Raju in the final game in Pool B yesterday.

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Tickets can be purchased at Borderline, the Rock Steady Shop, and at the door.

ROP9 goes down tomorrow night at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort. Doors open at 7pm and seating availability will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis.

"Everyone is a VIP for this event. It is our way of giving back to all the awesome Trench Warz fans for all their support through out the years," said Alvarez.



# 2010 NMIFA Men's Invitational Football League

Photos by ROSELYN B. MONROYO



Members of MP United receive their championship trophy from Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, third right, at the conclusion of the 2010 NMIFA Men's Invitational Football League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field. Also present in the trophy presentation was NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas.



A Wild Bill's striker goes for a header during their game against Tan Holdings FC.



MP United's Kirk Schuler, left, is defended by Young Guns' Bo Barry during the last game in the men's league.



A Young Guns striker goes for a kick, while referee John Ravell looks on.



NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas, left, awards the Golden Boot plaque to MP United's Joe Miller.



A Young Guns striker goes for a header.



MP United's Adam Hardwicke, right, dribbles against a Young Guns defender.



Inter Godfather's Dale Roberts, left, defends a Matansa player.



Inter Godfather's and Matansa Football Club players in action in the penultimate week of the double round-robin competition.



# All eyes on CNMI netters



From left, CNMI Tennis Team members Mayuko Arriola, Lydia Tan, Jodel Fernandez, Peter Loyola, Bobby Cruz, Todd Montgomery, and Jeff Race pose for a group photo before their training session at the Pacific Islands Club court last Saturday.

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**Editor's note:** This is the seventh article of a series of 10 that will feature CNMI teams set to compete in the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau.

With its defending gold medalists returning this year, the pressure is on for the CNMI

National Tennis Team to dominate the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau in next month.

"Teams will be looking at us after having won the overall championship and with Todd Montgomery and Kana Aikawa back," CNMI coach Jeff Race said.

Montgomery won the singles event, beating teammate Tim Quan during the 2006 Micronesian Games

here on Saipan, while Aikawa prevailed in the women's singles against Guam's Michelle Pang. The CNMI also topped the men's team event, men's doubles, and mixed doubles to rule the competition, four years ago.

This year, Montgomery said it will be tougher to defend the men's singles title.

"I am pretty old now so that's the



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## Cajigan in semis; 3 others enter quarters



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Chris Cajigan is a win away from sweeping his pool assignment in the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships after booking two more wins in Fiji last Tuesday.

Cajigan, who started his title bid in the U12 division of the POJC with a 2-0 record, won back-to-back games anew in Day 2 of the tournament. He defeated Martin Duchnak of American Samoa in the morning match, 6-2, 6-2, and then topped Vanuatu's Liam Suttie in the afternoon, 6-1, 6-3, to remain undefeated in Pool A.

The second-seeded CNMI junior netter was closing out his elimination round assignment against top seed C.J. Beg of Fiji yesterday and results of the match were unavailable

Negahr Rastgui, seen here serving in a local tournament early this year, advanced to the quarterfinals of the U12 division of the 2010 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships in Fiji last Tuesday.

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at press time. Win or lose, Cajigan is already assured of a semis seat in the boys U12 division.

Also getting slots to the next round were Christian Miller, Jake Lee, and Negahr Rastgui.

Miller completed his Pool B assignment in the boys U14 division with a perfect 3-0 record to set a quarterfinal duel against Pool C second placer Kai-to Fuji (1-1) of Palau.

Miller played his last game in the pool play last Tuesday and won against the Cook Islands' Roland Neururer, 6-2, 6-0. Miller, who is competing in the POJC for the fourth straight year, has yet to drop a game after two days of competition and is the top seed in Pool B.

Joining Miller in the quarterfinals of the U14 division was teammate Jake Lee, who finished Pool D with a 2-0 record. After beating teammate Angelo Jones, 6-2, 7-6, Lee downed top seed the Cook Islands Tamarua Payne, 7-5, 6-4, to advance to the quarterfinals against Pool A second placer Robin Morove of Papua New Guinea.

Duplicating Miller and Lee's feat

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## Talavera, Cal win July roll-offs

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Robert Talavera and Ron Cal topped the July Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes Tournament played at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Talavera, who took the Saipan Bowling Association's Bowler of the Year Plum for the 2009-2010 season and was feted in the award ceremony early this month, picked up where he left off, ruling the July King of the Lanes roll-offs last Monday and Sunday.

The five-time Bowler of the Year

awardee showed consistency at SBC, knocking more than 200 pins in all four games to beat 17 other kegglers for the King of the Lanes crown. Talavera started the second day of the two-day roll-off with 203 pinfalls in Game 1, showed his best form in Game 2 (264), and then closed out with 248 and 255 pinfalls in Games 3 and 4 for a total of 970 pinfalls and an average of 242.50 pinfalls per game.

In the first day of the monthly tournament last Sunday, Talavera also held the best score of the day with his

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Talavera



Cal



Aldan

## ROP IX weigh-ins set tonight at The Flair

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The weigh-in for Rites of Passage IX: Indestructible will be held from 5pm to 7pm tonight at The Flair along Beach Road in Garapan.

Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez said mixed martial arts fans are also welcome to come

by to meet the fighters and the beautiful ring girls at the after-party event immediately following the weigh-ins and rules orientation.

Trench Tech and Alvarez is reminding all fight fans that in light of the payless paydays and the economic slump, tickets for ROP 9 will be just \$20 for all seats.

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Marianas Elite's Syl "The Deal" Teregeyo, seen here in a file photo, will take on Trench Tech's "No Way" Jose Mafnas in Rites of Passage IX: Indestructible set tomorrow night at the Royal Taga Hall of the Saipan World Resort.